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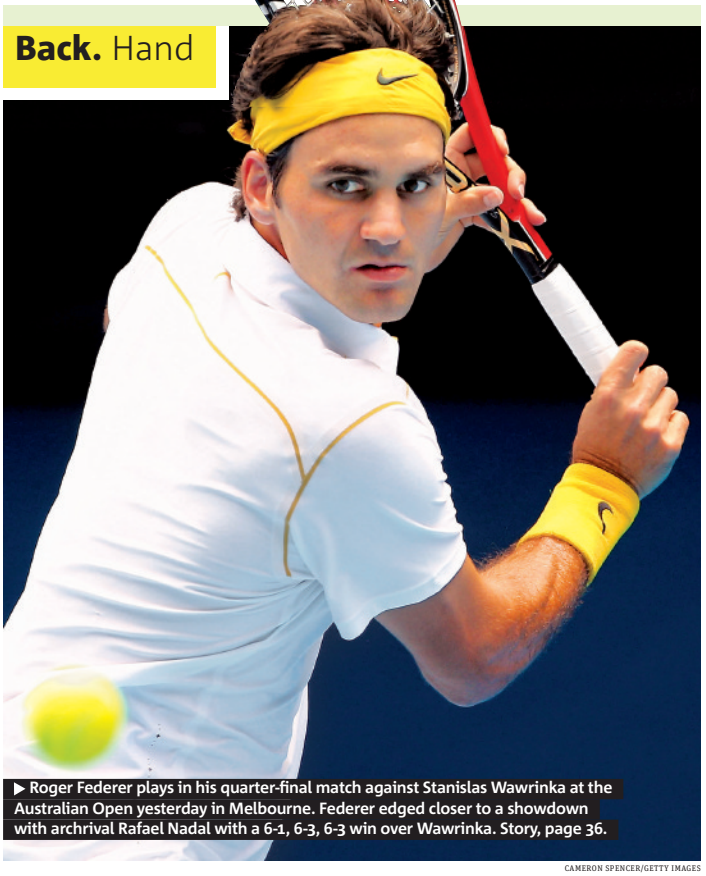

▶ Roger Federer plays in his quarter-final match against Stanislas Wawrinka at the Australian Open yesterday in Melbourne. Federer edged closer to a showdown with archrival Rafael Nadal with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 win over Wawrinka. Story, page 36.

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Living in a shopper's paradise?

- Yorkdale announces major expansion plan
- Outlet malls also on the horizon in Ontario

One of Toronto's biggest shopping malls is about to get bigger.

Yorkdale Shopping Centre announced yesterday it will spend $220 million building an addition to house 40 new stores.

The news comes a day after one of Canada's leading developers said it would bring U.S.-style outlet malls to Canada.

RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust said it is partnering with Tanger Factory Outlet Centers in a $1-billion deal to build 10 to 15 such malls across Canada.

Both announcements reflect the growing demand from retailers outside Canada for space in what has been a tight market.

They were also generating a lot of buzz at the International Council of Shopping Centres convention in Whistler, B.C., yesterday.

"The excitement in the retailer industry is just incredible right now," John Crombie, branch manager for Cushman & Wakefield, a Toronto commercial real estate firm, said from the convention floor.

Crombie said he's toured several U.S. and European retailers through Yorkdale.

"When they hear the numbers, they're blown away. They all want to be there."

1.4M

Square feet of current retail space at Yorkdale, making it one of the largest malls in the GTA.

U.S. retailers who have disclosed plans to open stores in Canada include J. Crew, Kohl's, Marshall's and discount department store chain Target.

Meanwhile, RioCan and North Carolina-based Tanger said they plan to open the kind of outlet malls that feature brand-name merchandise at 20 to 60 per cent off regular prices.

Tanger operates 33 centres in the U.S. with 375 different stores, including discount versions of such high-end retailers as Saks and Neiman Marcus, along with more moderately priced chains and teen clothing brands, such as The Gap and Abercrombie & Fitch. No locations have been announced. They're unlikely to locate near existing full-price retailers, Crombie said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Province shies away from TTC

Some councillors want to be rid of $429M subsidy out of Toronto's budget ▶ No plans to upload TTC, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says

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▶ A TTC streetcar on Queen's Quay. Mayor Rob Ford has stated that he wants to emphasize subways over streetcars.

The province has no interest in taking over the TTC — an idea that's been floated by Mayor Rob Ford's administration as a way of lifting the financial burden of transit off the city.

At Queen's Park, senior government officials say the scheme is "not something we're considering."

Although rumours have swirled for years about the province taking over the TTC or at least the subway, there is no interest in Premier Dalton McGuinty's government for such a proposal — especially with an election set for Oct. 6.

Already saddled with an $18.7-billion deficit, the Liberals simply cannot afford to relieve the city's budgetary problems.

Ford's office was downplaying the suggestion yesterday that the mayor or his transition team was trying to offload the TTC with an election looming in the fall.

It's been suggested that a provincially-run TTC could help the province's transportation agency Metrolinx create a more seamless regional transit system.

The TTC has, in the past, been accused of failing to be a regional team player because of its reluctance to sign onto the provincial Presto fare card system and its unwillingness to carry Mississauga commuters on routes that cross the municipal border

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▶ Rob Ford

But Metrolinx president Bruce McCuaig says the idea is not even being considered.

"We have been told by the province that they are not considering uploading at this time," he told the Toronto Star yesterday.

The agency is, however, still working with the TTC on a revised transit plan after Ford vetoed a light-rail plan that would have put modern streetcars on their own rights-of-way down the middle of Sheppard and Finch.

A new plan is expected in February.

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The good, bad, ugly of takeover

What's in it for taxpayers and transit riders if the province owned the TTC?

Money: Letting the province operate and build transit would free up the city to focus on "grassroots services," said Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti.

More subways, less congestion: "If you had subways that got people into the city, people would take them and leave their cars at home," said Mammoliti.

Presto: The TTC needs to be better integrated with regional transit, starting with the electronic fare card, says TTC chair Karen Stintz.

Cross-border service: Patrice Dutil, an assistant professor at Ryerson University, argues Metrolinx would treat commuters equitably across the region, so someone in Pickering has transit options, too.

What TTC riders stand to lose.

Service: Former mayor David Miller argued that taking control of the TTC out of the city's hands could dilute service as the province tries to smooth out the inequities among those served by regional transit systems.

Accountability: You could be giving responsibility to a bureaucrat living in a different city, said public transit advocate Matthew Blackett, publisher of Spacing magazine.

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Cops allege man pulled snow job on seniors

A Toronto man has been accused of defrauding seniors in an alleged snow clearing scheme.

Police say a man offered to clear snow at homes in the North York area for the rest of the winter.

Investigators say payments of $60 to $180 were requested in advance, but the work was never done.

Elman Iakhiiaev, 30, is charged with eight counts of fraud under $5,000. He is due in court Feb. 14.

Police say there may be more alleged victims and want to hear from anyone with information.

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Watchdog denied extra staff

City ombudsman Fiona Crean says the budget committee's denial of two extra staff for her overworked office amounts to a "major service cut."

Crean's office, launched in April 2009, is a "last resort" for citizens with complaints about city staff and administration.

Last week, Crean told the budget committee she needs $102,000 this year and $73,000 the following year to add two people to her 10-member office — an intake worker for individual complaints, and an investigator to help probe systemic city failings.

Coun. Peter Milzyn said he made the motion to deny Crean's request at the request of colleague Mike Del Grande, Ford's handpicked budget chief.

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Bag of cash for craziest scheme

The newly formed Toronto chapter of the Awesome Foundation is accepting wild ideas and crackpot schemes. The best will receive a paper bag stuffed with $1,000.

Applications are due Feb 15. The Toronto trustees will pick a winner by consensus.

People can apply at awesometo.wordpress.com. The Toronto chapter asks for submissions in the form of a 90-second video, but it will still read emails from people who can't make one.

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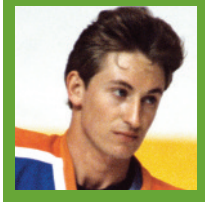

Gretzky passes life's significant signpost with his milestones virtually untouched. More at metronews.ca/sports

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Baltic the dog heads back to sea one year after being rescued from ice floe. Scan code for the story.

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▶ Toronto police constables Edward Ing, left, and John Cruz leave Brampton provincial court after judged to be guilty of assault causing bodily harm to Richard Moore.

Officers found guilty of assault

No sentencing date set yet for convictions in 2009 incident ▶ Police didn't have grounds for arrest: Judge

Two Toronto police constables were found guilty of assault causing bodily harm during the arrest of a disabled, verbally abusive man in Cabbagetown.

Edward Ing and John Cruz were stone-faced and had no comment after Justice Elliott Allen gave his verdict in Brampton court yesterday morning.

Richard Moore suffered fractured ribs and a cut to his scalp that required stitches when he was arrested on the steps of his Gerrard Street East rooming house on the night of April 24, 2009.

"His injuries are consistent with being struck constantly."
JUSTICE ELLIOTT ALLEN ON THE VICTIM, RICHARD MOORE

The judge added that he accepted the officers' testimony that Moore was verbally abusive towards them.

"The preponderance of evidence suggests he was making venomous remarks upon his arrest," the judge said.

The officers had testified that they were attempting to take Moore into custody on a charge of being drunk in public for his own safety, fearing that he might wander into traffic.

The judge noted that Moore had no trace of alcohol in his system when he was taken to hospital and that the charge of being drunk in a public place was later thrown out of court.

Moore, who was 59 at the time of the incident, was not present in court for the verdict.

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Spat with U.A.E. could cost billions: Minister

The Harper government's spat with the United Arab Emirates over airline landing rights could cost Ontario businesses billions of dollars in future contracts, a provincial cabinet minister says.

"Local politics is getting the best of us. Canada has a very strong brand in the Middle East. I do not want to see it sullied in this manner," Sandra Pupatello, Ontario's economic development and trade minister, said yesterday.

"Our companies from Ontario are the best in class when it comes to hospital builds. We have huge opportunities in the order of multibillion-dollar contracts and I don't want to put those at risk."

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▶ Sandra Pupatello

Pupatello was speaking from Dubai, where she is heading a trade mission of 20 Ontario health services companies. She cited the huge expansion in health services in the financial hub of the Persian Gulf country as a great opportunity.

Pupatello accused Prime Minister Stephen Harper of behaving like a protectionist — not the free trader he says he is — by denying two U.A.E. airlines additional landing rights in Canada to protect Air Canada.

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Escalation

- The diplomatic dispute has escalated with the U.A.E. kicking Canada out of a key military base and imposing expensive travel visas in retaliation for denying the extra landings.

Accused in cop slaying remanded

The man accused of running down a Toronto police officer with a stolen snowplow appeared briefly in court via video link yesterday for a two-day remand.

Duty counsel asked that Richard Kachkar's case be put over until tomorrow to allow him more time to get a lawyer.

Unlike his first appearance in person last week when he barely spoke, Kachkar, 44, identified himself this time in a clear and calm voice.

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More funds urged for child care

Child-care advocates are warning fees could rise 15 to 30 per cent unless there's more money for child care in the next provincial budget.

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care opened a provincial tour in Belleville yesterday to make its case.

The coalition says only 20 per cent of Ontario children have access to a licensed child-care space.

It says many Ontario parents are paying between $40 and $60 a day for each child. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen killed in home invasion

Peel police say a teen is dead and a 45-year-old woman suffered minor injuries in an incident in a Mississauga home.

Police say officers who responded to a call Monday night on Full Moon Circle found a 17-year-old with no vital signs. Shadi Taleb succumbed to his injuries in a local hospital.

Investigators say the suspect or suspects left the scene in a light-coloured four-door vehicle.

A motive for the attack hasn't been determined.

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Two agencies to become one in Liberal thrift plan

Crown realty corporation is first casualty of efforts to trim $18.7B deficit ahead of looming fall election

There will "absolutely" be savings for taxpayers as the Ontario government merges two Crown corporations responsible for real estate and infrastructure, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

However, neither McGuinty nor senior cabinet ministers would say how many people will lose their jobs or how much the government will have to dole out in severance to fold the Ontario Realty Corp. into Infrastructure Ontario.

"There are always upfront costs, but over the long term you end up saving money, and that's just the way it works," McGuinty said after a 40-minute speech to the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce.

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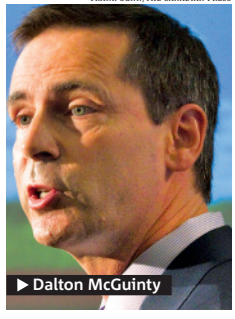

▶ Dalton McGuinty

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan promised Monday there would be more announcements to come as he works to eliminate about five per cent of the 259 provincial agencies.

Getting rid of the ORC will save about $5 million a year once the costs of merging the two Crown corporations have been spent, he said in Toronto.

Legislation will be introduced to merge the ORC, which manages the province's extensive real estate holdings, and Infrastructure Ontario, which oversees the renewal of the province's hospitals, courthouses, water systems, roads, bridges and other public assets.

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Summit.

▶ Former prime minister Paul Martin, left, speaks as Chief Phil Fontaine looks on during a discussion on Indigenous governance in a new century at Ryerson University yesterday.

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Railing against aboriginal poverty

The former chief of the Assembly of First Nations says poverty among Canada's aboriginals is an enormous drag on the country's economy. Phil Fontaine says there is an opportunity for transformation, but that conversation must involve all Canadians. Fontaine joined former prime minister Paul Martin at Ryerson University yesterday, where they discussed indigenous governance.

$45M Hamilton council capped its contribution to the project at $45 million, leaving an estimated $55 million unfunded.

Ivor wins in Hammer

Hamilton city council has backed a renovated Ivor Wynne Stadium as the city's preferred option for the 2015 Pan American Games, and as the new home for the CFL's Tiger-Cats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

KNOW YOUR GOALS BEFORE INVESTING

Patricia Domingo has some words of advice for investors.

"First and foremost, they have to determine what their goals and priorities are," says the Investment and Retirement Planner with RBC Wealth Management.

Having goals and timelines will help people to determine their investor profile and develop the right asset mix for their portfolios. While people will generally have a mixture of cash, bonds, mutual funds and stocks in their portfolios, Domingo says the percentage allocations will also depend on people's risk tolerance and investment objectives.

Domingo says it is also beneficial that people have an understanding of their family income and tax situation because these two things may influence investment decisions in order to maximize possible tax deductions or minimize tax impact.

Determining all of this might seem like a challenging task for investors, but this is where the help of an RBC advisor proves invaluable.

"A good advisor will be able to translate a lot of that information for them," says Domingo.

She says that some traits of good advisors are that they are able to communicate in simple terms and ask good questions of investors to understand their investment needs. This includes looking at things from a holistic perspective.

"We focus on all aspects of one's life in order to then assess how financially we can help to enrich those areas," says Domingo. (For more information on this, visit rbc.com/yourfuture.)

For people who are comfortable with investing and are able to devote the necessary time to managing their portfolio, self-management is also an option.

"There are some great tools out there that will allow people to self-manage," says Domingo, but she cautions that she often sees people who don't end up being able to devote the time necessary to be successful at it.

"People need to be honest with themselves about whether they will have the time commitment - not only to monitor the investments - but to rebalance them and take away the emotion that you sometimes have to separate from investing," says Domingo.

With a vast amount of investment options out there, Domingo says it can be very helpful to have an advisor who can narrow down the selection for you. The advisor can also help to provide the planning advice and resources needed to reach your investment goals.

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Putting aside savings is one of the top three financial priorities of Canadians, according to a recent RBC poll. That being said, many Canadians find it challenging to put money aside.

Patricia Domingo, an Investment and Retirement Planner with RBC Wealth Management, says the key is to be realistic about what you are capable of saving and review that number regularly.

She suggests people reorganize their debts to pay off the ones with the highest amount of interest first to help free up cash flow.

Starting to save today, rather than later is also key.

"The effect of compounding can be quite significant and lessen the burden down the road," says Domingo.

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Stelmach to step down as Alberta premier

His government plagued by recession that plunged province into red • Premier chose to run large deficits

Premier Ed Stelmach told Albertans yesterday that after much reflection he has decided not to seek re-election.

The premier said he was approaching his cabinet ministers asking them to commit to five more years in public life when he realized he didn't want to do that himself.

"I have determined that after 25 years of public service, I am not prepared to serve another full term as premier," Stelmach said at a news conference at the provincial legislature.

"There is no doubt that my decision today will come as a shock to many and a disappointment to my friends and Albertans."

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Ed Stelmach

He said he will inform the Progressive Conservative party that he will resign as leader at a later date and that will trigger a race for his successor.

The premier has been under increasing pressure as a new party on the right, the Wildrose Alliance, has surged in public opinion polls.

Stelmach became premier in December 2006 after Ralph Klein stepped down. Stelmach managed to uphold what had become a tradition for the Tories, winning a large majority in the 2008 election.

But Stelmach struggled in the province's top job. His mild manner and fumbling style behind the podium drew fire from both inside and outside the party.

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Towering. Presence

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Hollywood icon and former California governor, speaks to a full house yesterday in Calgary.

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Woulda been a contender

Schwarzenegger largely stayed away from politics during his first public speech since leaving office after serving two full terms, but he did acknowledge that he would have liked to run for president if the U.S. Constitution had allowed it.

N.S. man gets curfew for Facebook death threats

A 22-year-old Nova Scotia man who made threats on Facebook that people would be killed received a three-month conditional sentence, which includes an overnight curfew.

James David Weatherbee of Truro was sentenced yesterday after pleading guilty earlier to threatening to kill students and staff at Cobequid Educational Centre.

He also pleaded guilty to threatening three teenage girls and assaulting his former girlfriend.

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Barred & banned

- Weatherbee has been barred from all schools in the Chignecto Central Regional School Board system.
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▶ Protesters face riot police in Cairo yesterday during a demonstration to demand the end of President Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30 years in power.

Tunisia's uprising fuels protest in Cairo

Tens of thousands of anti-government protesters inspired by Tunisia's uprising staged the biggest demonstrations in Egypt in years, facing down riot police who beat them with batons and fired water cannons in clashes that left at least three dead.

The protests to demand an end to President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year authoritarian rule and a solution to Egypt's grinding poverty could embolden the opposition and fuel growing dissent in a presidential election year.

Mobilized largely on the Internet, the waves of protesters filled Cairo's central Tahrir, some hurling rocks and climbing atop armoured police trucks.

Tunisia's popular uprising, which forced that nation's autocratic ruler from power, appears to have pushed young Egyptians into the streets. "This is the first time I am protesting, but we have been a cowardly nation. We have to finally say no," said 24-year-old Ismail Syed, a hotel worker who lives on a salary of $50 a month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama reaches out to opponents

- State of the union address highlighted economy, debt reduction, civility
- Family members of Arizona massacre victims were to sit with first lady
- President made a direct appeal for bipartisan lawmaking in his speech

U.S. President Barack Obama called for unity with newly empowered Republicans in a State of the Union policy speech that laid the foundation for the second half of his presidential term and next year's fight for re-election.

Obama staked out territory in America's political centre. He defended programs dear to his Democratic base, including the federal Social Security pension program and his health care overhaul.

But he also backed some top priorities of Republicans, who took control of the House of Representatives this month. He called for cutting the corporate tax rate, freezing some federal spending, shaking up the federal bureaucracy and eliminating lawmakers' pet projects.

For the first time in his two-year presidency, Obama was appearing before a divided Congress. After November elections that Obama has described as a "shellacking," Republicans narrowed the Democratic advantage in the Senate as well as taking control of the House of Representatives.

Obama, who has rebounded in opinion polls in recent weeks, was looking to position himself above politics, even as both parties manoeuvre for advantage ahead of the 2012 presidential vote.

> **"We will move forward together, or not at all — for the challenges we face are bigger than party, and bigger than politics."**
> U.S. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Obama said the American people are counting on their leaders to create jobs in the United States.

"At stake right now is not who wins the next election," Obama said. "After all, we just had an election."

Obama focused on federal spending for education, innovation and infrastructure as ways the government can support America's foundation and help businesses create jobs for a generation. He was pairing that with a call to reduce the federal debt and to make the government leaner.

The speech comes less than three weeks after Democratic Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was seriously wounded in a shooting rampage in Tucson, Arizona, that killed six people. In an attempt at unity, many Democratic and Republican lawmakers decided to break with tradition and sit together. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama strides from the Oval Office along the Colonnade at the White House yesterday.

News in brief

Don't be a climate copycat, Canada: Study

ENVIRONMENT. Canada won't come close to meeting its climate-change targets if it waits for the U.S. to act, a key federal advisory body warns. The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy says it doesn't see anything wrong with harmonizing Canada's emission-reductions targets with American goals. But to mimic U.S. measures will do Canada's environment and economy more harm than good, the Conservative-appointed roundtable says.
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Plural wife speaks out

COURT CASE. A plural wife from Bountiful, B.C., says Canada's law barring polygamy has caused her community financial hardship and fuelled prejudice from the outside world. She is the first Bountiful resident to testify anonymously at a B.C. court case examining the constitutionality of Canada's polygamy law.
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Locals cash in on crop circles

INDONESIA. Thousands of curious onlookers are flocking to central Indonesia to look at a "crop circle" in a rice field following rumours it was formed by a UFO. Villagers have started charging entrance fees.
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Canada is most stubborn country regarding the Arctic, says survey

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Russia vows revenge for airport attack

President Dmitry Medvedev describes airport security in 'a state of anarchy' Vows to fire security officials

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed "retribution is inevitable" for the suicide bombing that killed 35 people at Russia's busiest airport, while President Dmitry Medvedev demanded robust checks at all transport hubs and lashed out at the airport for lax security.

NTV television showed a photograph of what it said was the detached head of the suspected bomber, a man who appeared to be in his 30s.

Investigators said DNA testing will be necessary before he can be identified.

No claims of responsibility have been made for the attack Monday at Domodedovo Airport, which also left 180 people injured. Suspicion is likely to fall, however, on Islamist separatist insurgents from Chechnya or elsewhere in Russia's restive Caucasus region, who have been battling Russian authority for more than 15 years.

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Vladimir Putin

Chechen insurgents have claimed responsibility for previous attacks in Moscow, including a double suicide bombing on the capital's subway system in March 2010 that killed 40 people. They also have hit Domodedovo Airport before, with two suicide bombers slipping through its security in 2004 to kill 90 people.

Authorities in the Czech Republic and Ukraine beefed up airport security yesterday in response to the blast.

The British agency responsible for Europe's busiest airport, London's Heathrow, refused to comment on any new possible security measures, but has said security is always under review.

Putin has built much of his reputation on his harsh stance against terror but he did not elaborate on what kind of retribution he had in mind during a government meeting yesterday.

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Largest hiring spree ever

Google Inc. plans to hire more than 6,200 workers this year in the biggest expansion yet by the Internet's most profitable company.

Google CEO Eric Schmidt was among a group of business leaders who met with Obama last month to discuss ways to bolster the listless economy.

But Google's push to further expand a work force that grew by 23 per cent last year may not be as well received on Wall Street, where the Internet search leader's spending has annoyed some investors who would prefer a more frugal approach in hopes of fatter returns.

Google executives have consistently brushed aside those concerns, saying that the company needs to aggressively recruit the smartest computer engineers and most persuasive sales representatives to maintain its lead in online search and advertising, as well as to diversify into other services in computing, telecommunications and the media.

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Canadian troops get a pat on the back

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▶ U.S. Gen. David Petraeus warns that the year ahead is "likely to be a tough one" as the military alliance tries to secure more of the country.

Soldiers have helped U.S.-led military capture scores of insurgents

Canadian troops are among those getting a special pat on the back from the commander of all U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan for helping to bring "hard-won progress" to the country's unruly south.

In a letter to his soldiers released yesterday, U.S. Gen. David Petraeus singled out the coalition and Afghan troops who have been fighting in two of Afghanistan's hairiest provinces.

Lately, there have been more Taliban attacks in the north as the insurgents show they are capable of striking far from their traditional southern strongholds.

It's believed to be part of a Taliban strategy to shift their foot soldiers to other, less contested parts of the country.

A surge of American troops last year relieved Canada's badly-stretched military from patrolling all of Kandahar province. Now, only three parts of the province fall under Canada's watch.

Canada's Royal 22e Regiment battle group, nicknamed the Van Doos, has been building bases and going on regular patrols in the restive Panjwaii district southwest of Kandahar city.

"Hard-won progress was also achieved in Helmand and Kandahar provinces — a great credit to the coalition and Afghan forces who fought so skillfully and courageously in those areas."

U.S. GEN. DAVID PETRAEUS, IN A LETTER

They are also building a road through the often troublesome Horn of Panjwaii in the district's western corner.

Panjwaii has been taken, abandoned and retaken several times as coalition forces struggled to hold the region with only a few thousand soldiers.

In his letter, Petraeus stressed the importance of working alongside the Afghans.

"The commencement this year of transition of security tasks in select areas to Afghan forces, at a pace determined by conditions on the ground, will facilitate the Afghan government's increasing exercise of sovereignty," he wrote.

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Tax cuts to benefit over time: Expert

One of Canada's leading tax experts says workers and the economy will both prosper from Ottawa's corporate tax cuts, but it will take the better part of a decade to see all the benefits.

When Ottawa implements the final phase of its corporate tax policy, it will bring the federal rate down to 15 per cent.

Even when provincial rates are added, Canada will still be the lowest-taxed jurisdiction among the Group of Seven industrial countries.

Economist Jack Mintz of Calgary's School of Public Policy says in the report that Canada is moving in the right direction on corporate taxes, but that not enough is being done on the personal tax front.

Mintz says governments should be moving to lower personal income taxes and put greater emphasis on consumption taxes.

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100,000

Economist Jack Mintz of Calgary's School of Public Policy says the tax reduction will increase the country's capital stock by $30.6 billion and generate 100,000 jobs when the full adjustment takes place, but the process will take at least seven years.

Oldest Canadian dies

A Manitoba woman believed to be Canada's oldest person has died.

Elizabeth Buhler died over the weekend in a nursing home in Winkler just days shy of her 112th birthday.

Buhler's daughter, Justina Suderman, says her mother was born in 1899 in Ukraine and emigrated to Canada in 1926.

She also says her mother ate whatever she wanted and was fond of cooking with lard.

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Inflation up but Carney won't budge: Experts

Ontario has highest rate at 3.3%, Alberta the lowest at 0.8% Prices rose in every province, StatsCan says

Canada's inflation rate jumped to 2.4 per cent last month on the strength of higher energy prices, but analysts say they don't think the increase is big enough to prod the central bank to boost interest rates at this time.

The gain of 0.4 per cent takes the overall inflation rate above the Bank of Canada's ideal target of two per cent.

But that doesn't mean Canada has an inflation problem, or that price pressures will lead to higher interest rates soon, analysts said yesterday.

Stripping away volatile items, particularly energy and a 13 per cent boost in gasoline prices, yields a core rate of 1.5 per cent, well within the Bank of Canada's target range of 1.0 to 3.0 per cent.

Average inflation for 2010 was 1.8 per cent, much higher than the recession-influenced 0.3 per cent of 2009, but also within the bank's target.

As well, inflation is still artificially boosted by the introduction of the harmonized sales tax in Ontario and British Columbia, which central bank governor Mark Carney has said he will ignore in his thinking on interest rate policy.

While the bank's major focus is on inflation, it's the economy, particularly the fragile nature of the recovery, that is still uppermost in Carney's mind, analysts said.

Along with the jump in gasoline, natural gas rose 9.2 per cent from last year, electricity 6.2 per cent, and transportation costs, which are heavily influenced by gasoline prices, rose 4.9 per cent.

Consumers also paid 4.3 per cent more for insurance premiums on passenger vehicles.

Inflation pressures on most other items measured by Statistics Canada tended to be more moderate: 1.5 per cent more on auto purchases; 2.7 per cent more on shelter; 1.7 per cent more for food; and 1.7 per cent more for household operations, furnishings and equipment.

Meanwhile, mortgage interest rate costs declined 2.5 per cent in December and clothing and footwear fell by two per cent.

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Big cities

Rates for major cities (previous month in brackets):

- Halifax, 2.4 (2.1)
- Montreal, 1.6 (1.0)
- Ottawa, 3.5 (3.1)
- **Toronto, 3.2 (3.0)**
- Saskatoon, 1.8 (1.9)
- Calgary, 0.6 (0.0)
- Vancouver, 2.5 (2.6)

Ethics drives more Canadian shoppers

A Statistics Canada study released yesterday suggests 27 per cent of Canadians chose or rejected products based on ethical concerns in 2008, up from 20 per cent in 2003.

Ethical consumption was less common among new immigrants and people 65 and older, though it also increased over the five years considered in the study.

Residents of British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario were the most likely to change their shopping habits based on ethical issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The lowest proportions were in New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador, where only 14 per cent said they bought or boycotted for ethical reasons.

Poland. Game

▶ Karol Madaj of Poland's National Remembrance Institute in Warsaw shows how to play Kolejka (The Queue), a new card game he authored to show young Poles the hardships of life before communism ended in 1989.

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Monopoly, communist style

In Kolejka, which will come out in February, players are tasked with buying a number of goods, but lack of deliveries, short supplies and connections of other potential buyers to communist authorities turn the task into a string of frustrations.

Commodities, mixed earnings drag down TSX

Oil has fallen 4% since Thursday, when it neared $92 per barrel ▶ Only real estate index closed positive

The Toronto stock market lost ground yesterday amid weakening commodity prices and mixed earnings reports from U.S. and Canadian companies.

The Canadian dollar also lost ground on lower commodity prices and data that showed inflation has been weaker than expected.

Oil fell on speculation that Saudi Arabia and other OPEC countries will step up production, along with India's decision to raise interest rates, a move that could slow demand.

Don Reed, president and CEO at Franklin Templeton Investments Corp., said while lower commodity prices are taking a big toll on the Toronto market, lower gold prices are a double-edged sword because they signal more confidence in improving global market conditions.

"One of the weaker markets so far this year, which has been one of the strongest for the past three years, is the market here in Canada," he said.

The TSX is down one per cent on the year, whereas the world index has gained more than two per cent, a signal that investors are taking profits from Canadian companies and moving their money to other markets, Reed said.

"I don't look at that as a disaster for Canada," he said. "I just think people are saying, 'Hey, we had some great moves in Canada over the last number of years and now it's time to look and see where we can find some good bargains' and to me that's places like Europe and Asia."

The International Monetary Fund downgraded Canada's 2011 growth forecast late Monday. The Washington-based body said Canada's economy will grow a modest 2.3 per cent in 2011. That's less than the 2.7 per cent that it forecast in October and below the Bank of Canada's recently reduced forecast of 2.4 per cent growth.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 87.95 (13,259.63)	– 0.30¢ (100.24¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft**
– $1.68 US ($86.19 US)	$4.490 (– 10.8¢)
	Gold contracts
	$1,332.30 (– $12.20)

Canadians in higher spirits

Consumer confidence started 2011 on a positive note but Canadians continued to be cautious about personal financial situations, says the Conference Board of Canada.

Consumer confidence was up 7.1 points from December, mainly due to improvements in Ontario and the Prairie region.

At 88.1 points, that is far higher than during the recession, but below the optimism in early 2010.

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Price wars nip grocer's bottom line

Grocery chain Metro Inc. says its first-quarter profit was down amid stiff price competition in its grocery business and lower drug pricing at its pharmacies.

The Montreal-based company's net earnings before adjustments dropped 6.2 per cent to $92 million, or 88 cents per share.

That compared to $98.1 million, or 91 cents a share in the same period last year.

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BUTTING HEADS OVER CHILD REARING

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

If you're a parent, you probably know about Battle Hymn Of The Tiger Mother, the book by Yale Prof. Amy Chua that cheerfully condemns North American parenting practices as soft.

And just as cheerfully, she celebrates the "Chinese" style piano-math drill torture of her own children as a successful program for overcoming adversity. That's if adversity can be characterized as placing second in a math competition.

The whole thing is gloriously controversial. On the one hand, you have armchair sociologists who nod sagely and point to Chua's parental rigour as proof the 21st century will belong to China. If it doesn't already.

On the other, you have my own kids, who snort and roll their eyes and say "as if" a lot.

Chua once threatened to torch her daughter's stuffed animals unless she learned to play a piece without flaws. Daughter played so diligently she ended up playing Carnegie Hall when she was just 14.

Chua was merciless. She made the kid sit on the bench for hours and play through dinner, even denying her water.

We had a piano at our place, too. Our kids sat on the bench for minutes, then took a dive, feigning epilepsy. After a couple of those sessions, the only person who spent any time around the piano was Douglas the cleaning person, who was not happy about the dust.

Once, one of Chua's daughters placed second in a math quiz. She made the poor kid do 2,000 math problems a night until she regained the lead.

My own kids have never done 2,000 math problems in their lives, combined, unless the math problem involves extracting $20 bills from the Bank of Dad and successfully not giving back any change.

By all accounts, Lulu and Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld are beautiful, well-adjusted young women who can leap tall buildings in a single bound while playing Flight Of The Bumblebee.

Dare I say it, but John David Sullivan and Ann Katherine Sullivan are, um, differently prodigious.

Chef Iron John can whip up the world's best Fisherman's Stew while excelling at four increasingly difficult levels of Guitar Hero, while Annie is a modern-day Merlin, capable of plundering the secrets of the Tarot while adjusting your chakras for optimal energy.

They didn't exactly raise themselves, but they were full participants.

They're not concert masters, nuclear physicists or radiologists, but they're pretty amazing, and all we had to do was give up after five minutes of pretending to be Amy Chua.

So stay tuned for my upcoming parenting bestseller: Crouching Father, Belligerent Children. And relax.

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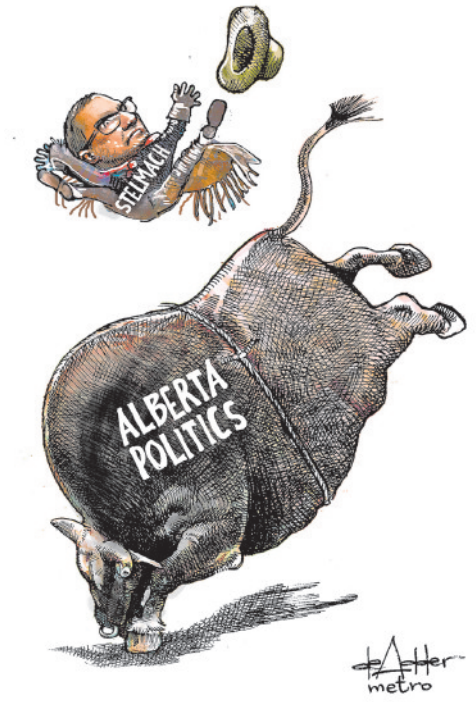

Musing about concerts

Letters & Tweets

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@TheHolyThief: Trans Siberian Orchestra! Orchestral strings, guitar and drums. Crazy lighting and pyrotechnics. What more could you ask for?
@FearOfTheDork: The best Toronto concert I saw was Slayer/Megadeth with Testament at the MolAmph. Those 3 together it was a music dork's dream.
@danbacchus: No doubt, Gorillaz at the ACC. Crazy production and presence. Amazing!
@glorified_gvb: Soundgarden. Vic Theatre, Chicago.
@caitlinxx: Green Day at the Molson Amphitheatre.
@jessicaology: Muse at ACC was the best concert I saw in 2010. Matt Bellamy is so talented!
@rossanamenezes: PAUL McCARTNEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
@BatestonBeauty: Hawksley Workman was the best concert I saw in 2010 — his talent is mind-boggling and music is amazing!
@AllAgesShow: the best concert of 2010 was definitely Broken Social Scene. That show was indescribably awesome.
@sweetsolmom: Silversun Pickups. (opened for Muse, who were awesome as well).
@permission2fail: Arcade Fire.
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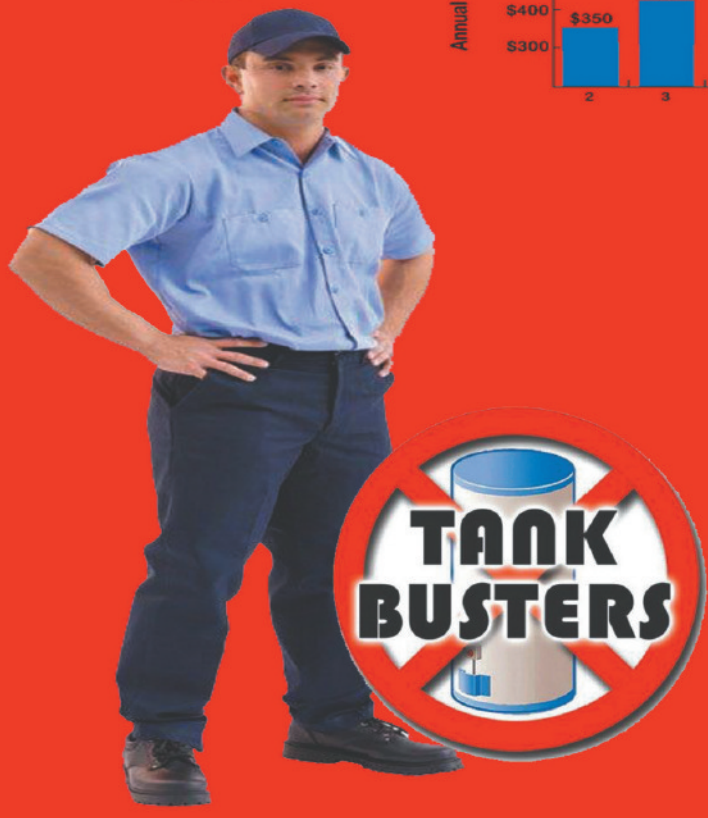

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▶ The King's Speech has received 12 Academy Awards nominations.

The nominees are...

▶ The King's Speech up for 12 Academy Awards ▶ True Grit gets 10 nods ▶ Winter's Bone shocks field by landing in four high-profile categories

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The King's Speech led this year's Academy Award nominations with 12, including Best Picture as well as Best Director for Tom Hooper, Best Actor for Colin Firth, Best Supporting Actor for Geoffrey Rush and Best Supporting Actress for Helena Bonham Carter. The Coen Brothers' update of True Grit received 10 nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Jeff Bridges, who beat Firth in that category last year.

The other nominees for Best Picture are Black Swan, The Fighter, Inception, The Kids Are All Right, 127 Hours, The Social Network, Toy Story 3 and Winter's Bone. As expected, Golden Globe-winning actresses Natalie Portman and Annette Bening scored nominations for Best Actress and are considered the front-runners, ahead of Nicole Kidman (Rabbit Hole), Jennifer Lawrence (Winter's Bone) and Michelle Williams (Blue Valentine). Competing against Firth and Bridges for Best Actor are Javier Bardem (Biutiful), Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network) and James Franco (127 Hours).

▶ Natalie Portman has been nominated for Best Actress for her role in Black Swan.

The real surprise this year came with the quiet independent film Winter's Bone, which landed nominations in four high-profile categories: Best Picture, Best Actress (Lawrence), Best Supporting Actor (John Hawkes) and Best Adapted Screenplay. The film about a stark life of poverty in the Ozarks, was a favorite at last year's Sundance Film Festival. David Fincher's The Social Network, which has won an impressive number of critics' association awards and the Golden Globe for Best Picture — Drama, received eight nominations, including nods for Fincher, lead actor Eisenberg, screenwriter Aaron Sorkin and composers Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross.

With 10 films up for Best Picture a second year in a row, some experts look to the Best Director nominees to determine which five are the real front-runners for the top prize. This year, those five are Darren Aronofsky for Black Swan, David O. Russell for The Fighter, Tom Hooper for The King's Speech, David Fincher for The Social Network and Joel and Ethan Coen for True Grit. While Christopher Nolan's inventive Inception racked up eight nominations, including Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay, Nolan was shut out of the directing category.

The Academy Awards will be awarded in Hollywood on Feb. 27.

Incendies

Quebec director Denis Villeneuve has received an Oscar nomination for his searing family drama "Incendies." The movie - which follows twins as they travel to the Middle East to uncover their mother's horrific war-ravaged past - will compete for best foreign-language film.

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Nominees

The Academy Award nominations

BEST DIRECTOR
Darren Aronofsky, Black Swan
David O. Russell, The Fighter
Tom Hooper, The King's Speech
David Fincher, The Social Network
Joel and Ethan Coen, True Grit

BEST ACTOR
Javier Bardem, Biutiful
Jeff Bridges, True Grit
Jesse Eisenberg, The Social Network
Colin Firth, The King's Speech
James Franco, 127 Hours

BEST ACTRESS
Annette Bening, The Kids Are All Right
Nicole Kidman, Rabbit Hole
Jennifer Lawrence, Winter's Bone
Natalie Portman, Black Swan
Michelle Williams, Blue Valentine

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
Christian Bale, The Fighter
John Hawkes, Winter's Bone
Jeremy Renner, The Town
Mark Ruffalo, The Kids Are All Right
Geoffrey Rush, The King's Speech

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
Amy Adams, The Fighter
Helena Bonham Carter, The King's Speech
Melissa Leo, The Fighter
Hailee Steinfeld, True Grit
Jackie Weaver, Animal Kingdom

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY
Mike Leigh, Another Year
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Four no more

Marvel kills off The Human Torch in Fantastic Four

Fifty years after cosmic rays transformed him into a man ablaze, Marvel Entertainment has extinguished the Human Torch's flame and his life, too, as the pop culture purveyor of super heroes and villains embarks on an ambitious story line that ends the Fantastic Four.

In the newest issue of one of the company's longest-running comic books, Johnny Storm's life is taken amid a massive battle that writer Jonathan Hickman has been scripting for a year-and-a-half. Illustrator Steve Epting did the art.

While Marvel has made no secret that a member of the quartet, which was introduced in August 1961, would die, exactly who among the group would fall has been a closely held secret, until the release yesterday of the latest issue, No. 587.

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DVD releases

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Red
Genre: Drama **Director:** Robert Schwentke
Stars: Helen Mirren, John Malkovich and Brian Cox

RED, which refers to a supposed CIA acronym meaning "retired and extremely dangerous," has few pretensions beyond showcasing some skilled mature actors at their deadpan best. It's likely to appeal more to fans of Morgan Freeman's The Bucket List than to partisans of Bruce Willis' Die Hard series. But with Helen Mirren, John Malkovich and Brian Cox joining them in the impressive cast just watching this gang is reason enough. PETER HOWELL

Nowhere Boy
Genre: Drama **Director:** Sam Taylor-Wood
Stars: Aaron Johnson, Kristin Scott Thomas

Anyone with even a cursory interest in the Beatles probably already knows the basics of Nowhere Boy: how John Lennon (Aaron Johnson) came from a broken home of early sadness and later tragedy. The film's main drama is not the approach of rock 'n' roll destiny. Rather, it's the tug of war between the officious Mimi and the headstrong Julia. But it amounts to nothing more than another stroll down the Beatles' memory lane. PETER HOWELL

Enter the Void
Genre: Drama **Director:** Gaspar Noé
Stars: Nathaniel Brown

Enter the Void might more accurately be deemed only partial provocation, since it's actually the most audience-friendly of Noé's three features — the caveat being that the audience must be a mature one, not like the sexually stifled ninnies of America's MPAA film censor board.

Few recent films can match the visual intoxication of what Noé and cinematographer Benoit Debie have concocted here.

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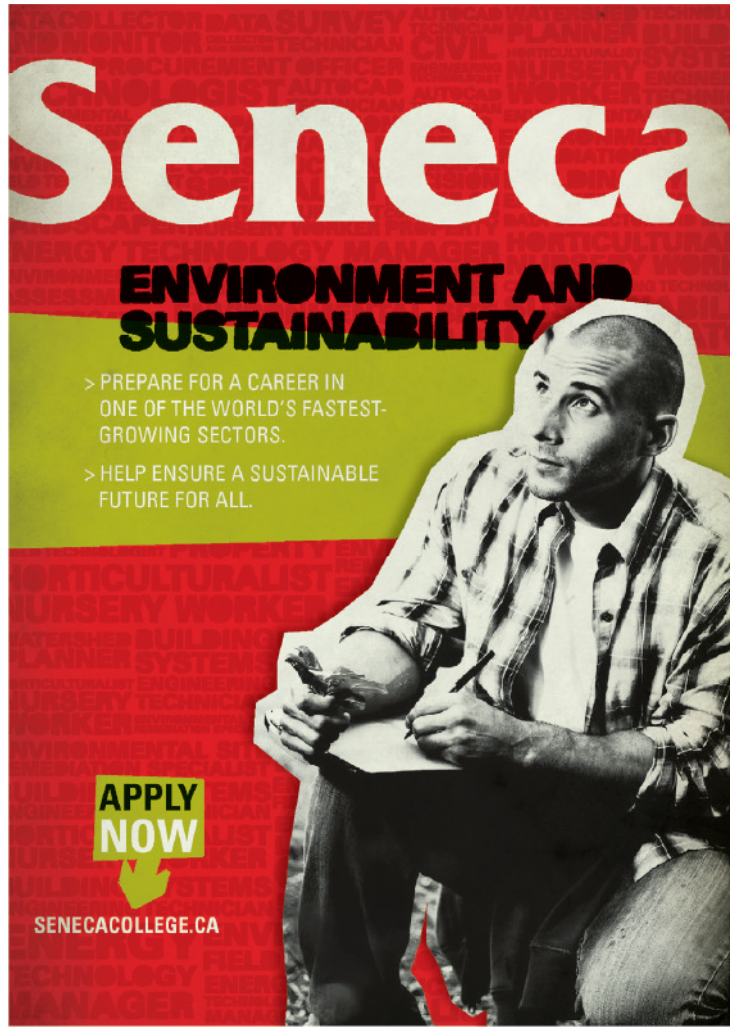

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE

OBSESSED COPS: WE LOVE 'EM

Everyone loves new and original characters in movies. One of the great pleasures of last year was watching Natalie Portman transform a stock ballerina character into something we've never seen before. Beautiful.

But where would the movies be without straight-ahead stock characters like the arrogant pilot or the rebellious teen? This week The Factory, starring John Cusack, revisits one of the most frequently exploited big screen stereotypes: the obsessed cop.

The cop-on-a-mission character is nothing new. Film Noir is jam packed with police with something to prove. Check out The Big Combo, a little seen but worthwhile movie from 1955, which sees Cornel Wilde as a cop so fanatical about arresting a crime boss he funds the investigation out of his own pocket. Good gritty stuff.

More recently, Matt Dillon was the best thing in Takers as a detective who relentlessly tracked an elite band of bank robbers. He's played cops before — a racist one in Crash for instance — and been in trouble with real policemen — he was busted doing almost twice the speed limit in 2008 — but this is the first time he's played one straight out of Central Casting.

Russell Crowe, however, has taken on the stock character more than once. Most famously he played Richie Roberts, based on the real life detective who doggedly tracked one of the biggest heroin kingpins of the 1970s, Frank Lucas, played by Denzel Washington.

In a strange twist to the story the real Richie Roberts later became a lawyer and served as Frank Lucas's defense attorney, and, to add and even more bizarre twist, became godfather to Lucas's son.

In Tenderness, Crowe plays Lt. Cristofuoro, a Buffalo detective who takes a "special interest" — read: "becomes obsessed with" — Eric Komenko, a teen who murdered his parents. Cristofuoro was the cop who originally arrested Eric and is convinced he'll kill again. Crowe was originally meant to be a supporting player, but was convinced to sign on when his part was expanded and he was given the voice-over narration.

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Perhaps the greatest obsessed cop in the movies is Gene Hackman as "Popeye" Doyle in The French Connection. Not only does this movie have one of the all time great chase scenes, but Hackman, who won a Best Actor Oscar for the part, has great hardboiled lines like, "What is this, a [blankety-blank] hospital here?" when he's confiscating drugs off a guy in a bar.

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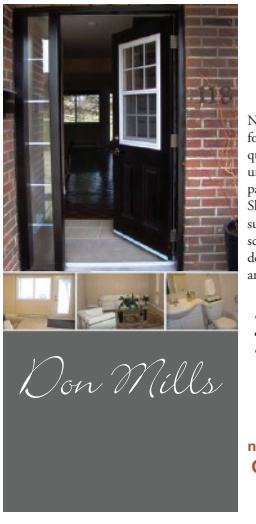

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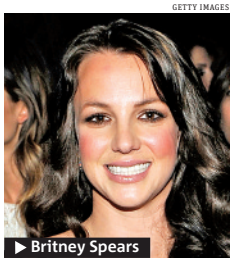

▶ Britney Spears

Spears turns to boyfriend as agent

Though he stopped working for her last year, Jason Trawick is back as one of girlfriend Britney Spears' agents, according to Us Weekly.

Spears has resumed work with Trawick's agency, William Morris Endeavor, in anticipation of her new album. "Jason will be part of the team handling her career," a source says. "He will be handling acting endeavors, but there will be a big music department also on her account. Jason is someone the family trusts, they know he will make the best decisions for her and she feels comfortable with him." METRO

Brother worries: Madonna likes younger men

Says two 20-something boyfriends in a row 'could start to look creepy' But doesn't really expect change

Madonna's brother, Christopher Ciccone, is worried about the singer's choices in younger boyfriends.

"I guess if she continues to date all these much younger guys, it could start to look creepy," he tells Radar Online.

"She certainly isn't following societal values, but then again my sister never has and probably never will either."

Madonna is reportedly dating 24-year-old Brahim Zaibat, whom she began seeing after splitting with 24-year-old model Jesus Luz. METRO

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▶ Madonna is 52.

Bullock steps back

While Sandra Bullock has grown close to ex-husband Jesse James' daughter, Sunny, she's getting ready for James' new fiancée, Kat Von D, to enter the picture, according to Popeater.

"She ... knows that [Sunny] will have a new mommy soon and will do whatever she needs to do to make sure Jesse's new wife and Sunny have a great relationship, even if that means taking a step away," a source says. METRO

Breakup hard on Worthington

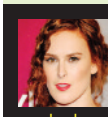
Avatar star Sam Worthington has reportedly split from his longtime girlfriend, makeup artist Natalie Mark, according to the Herald Sun.

And he doesn't seem to be taking the split well. At a recent event in Los Angeles, he reportedly slammed his fist into a photo wall and screamed obscenities when asked to wait before walking the red carpet, according to Popeater. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Katy Perry [@katyperry] Dear will.I.am I can NEVER nail that first "dirty bit" timing. Please help. Kthnxbye.

Russell Crowe [@russellcrowe] I know I'm a bit behind on this, but just saw Shutter Island,Leonardo's best work to date



Rumer Willis [@TheRue] Umm two words...laser tag

Sarah Silverman

[@SarahKSilverman] Let's bring back calling people a boob

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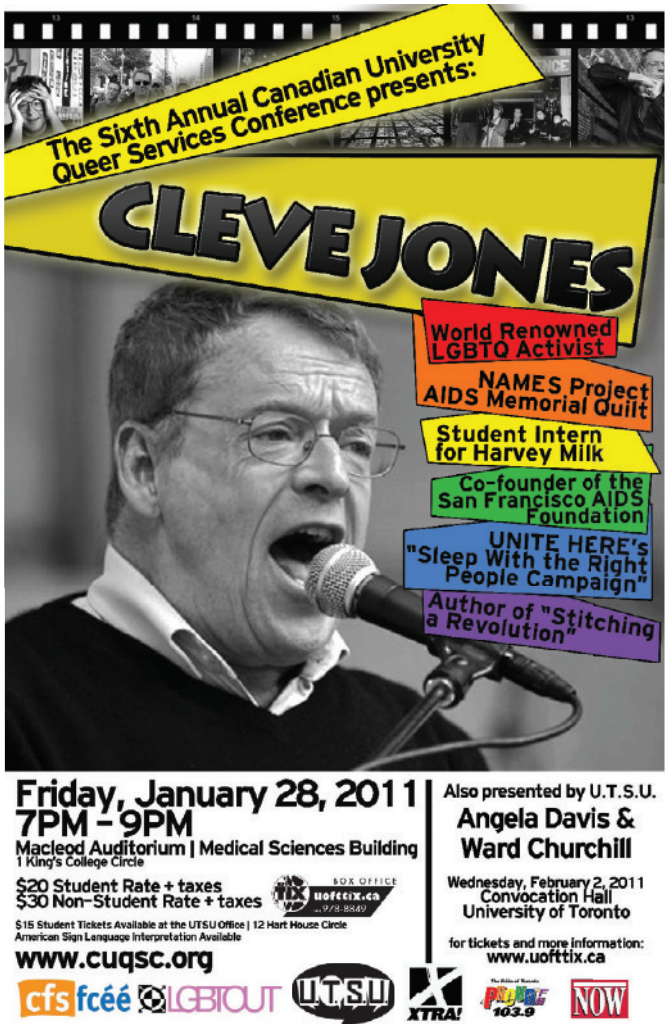

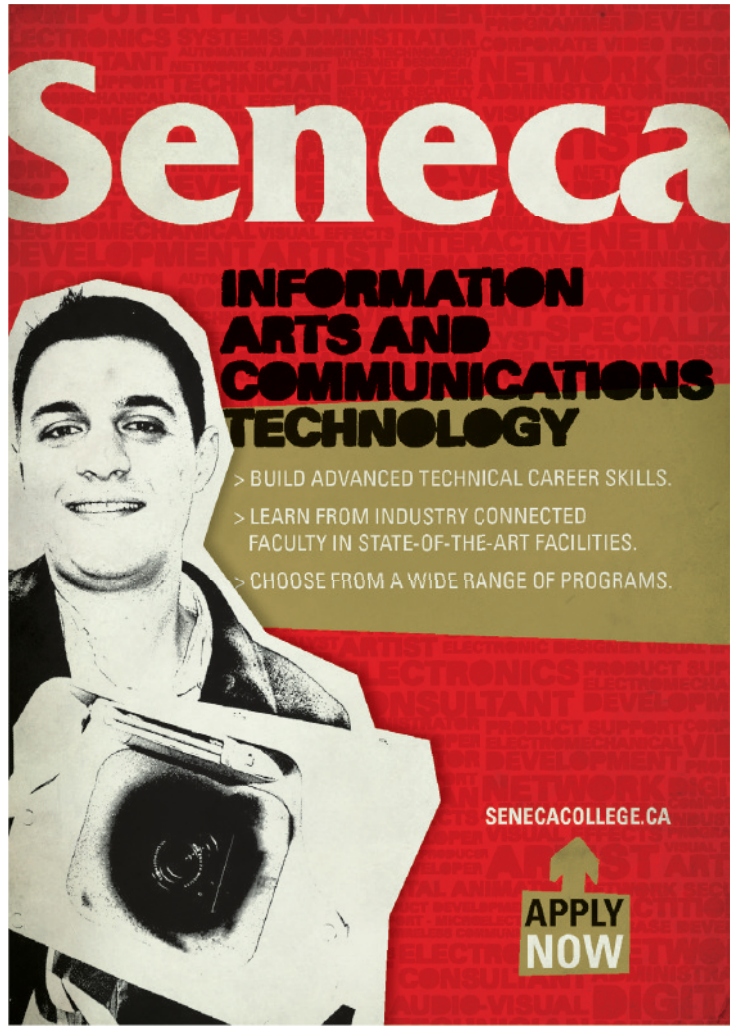

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Experience China in San Francisco

- The city's famous Chinatown has been around for more than 100 years
- The upcoming Chinese New Year makes it the perfect time to visit

Smack in the middle of San Francisco's Chinatown, Portsmouth Square is a kaleidoscope of sounds, smells and colours.

The cadence of Chinese dialects fills the air and splashes of red and gold glow from shop windows to banners strung across the narrow streets.

The rich smell of roast duck curls out of hole-in-the-wall eating places, blending with the faint smell of incense burning on modest shrines.

Hard to believe that only a few blocks away lie the designer boutiques and gourmet coffee shops of a cosmopolitan western city.

But that's what it means to visit San Francisco's Chinatown, a magic carpet of a destination that can take you from West to East in zero to 60 steps.

"What's really significant about San Francisco's Chinatown is that it has survived for over 100 years. Despite the hardships early on, the community is still here," says Sue Lee, executive director of the San Francisco-based Chinese Historical Society of America.

And not just survived but thrived, she adds. Although many of the original inhabitants have moved out to other areas of the city as well as suburbs, this is still a starting point for many new immigrants from Asia. "It's a shopping district; it's a residential neighbourhood and it's a tourist destination. And that's not by accident."

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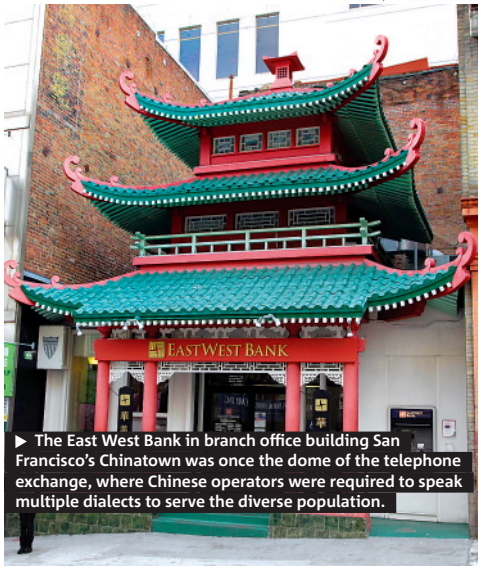

▶ The East West Bank in branch office building San Francisco's Chinatown was once the dome of the telephone exchange, where Chinese operators were required to speak multiple dialects to serve the diverse population.

▶Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory.

With the Year of the Rabbit beginning Thursday, Feb. 3, a visit to San Francisco's Chinatown is a great way to experience Chinese-American culture.

And the best way to experience Chinatown is by foot, so it's no surprise there are a number of walking tours available.

At the Chinese Culture Center, tours begin with a look at art exhibits at the centre, which blend contemporary and traditional works.

Then it's a short stroll to Portsmouth Square, where you will find dozens of residents playing mah jongg and other games or just sitting and talking.

San Francisco's Chinatown is the district that almost wasn't. After the 1906 earthquake, city leaders pressed for relocating the Chinese to the city outskirts. But Chinatown businessmen came up with a plan to rebuild the area and make it a tourist attraction that would bring more money to the city. At the Great China Herb Company, herbalists carefully weigh out intriguing-looking bundles of this and that aimed at restoring vitality, restoring digestion and generally curing what ails you.

Incense is the signature of the Tin How temple on Waverly Place. Climb a few flights of stairs to find the small temple dedicated to the Goddess of Heaven. Pause to admire the ceiling, a blaze of hanging red lanterns that commemorate the dead.

Tucked into narrow Ross Alley, the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory is the kind of place you smell before you see — the sweet, sugary scent of baking cookies floats out the door. It's a tiny place where workers fold cookies by hand.

Everywhere you turn there are things to see, like the markets on Stockton Street that have all manner of foods still swimming, clucking and croaking. There are plenty of places to eat in Chinatown, from hole-in-the-wall noodle shops to dim sum palaces.

Also in abundance are the stores that sell paper replicas of worldly possessions designed to be burned for the dead so they can arrive in the afterlife fully equipped.

There are glimpses of the past, like the East West Bank branch office (743 Washington St.), a green-and-red marvel of curved eaves plunked down between two resolutely western structures. The building was once the home of the telephone exchange, where Chinese operators were required to speak multiple dialects to serve the diverse population.

And there are signs of the future, the new immigrants who come to find their fortune in California just like generations did before them.

East, West, past, future — all here. "What's so fascinating about Chinatown," says Lee, "is it's so multifaceted."

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Travel in brief

Red wine and chocolate — it could be a double dose of decadence. Or maybe double the migraine afterwards. Wineries in the Niagara region in Ontario are inviting visitors to try wine-and-chocolate pairings next month. They include "classic" combos like late harvest Vidal with white chocolate cranberry (offered at Lailey Vineyard).

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▶ A view of Grant Street in Chinatown in San Francisco. Although many of the original inhabitants have moved out to other areas of the city as well as suburbs, this is still a starting point for many new immigrants from Asia.

If you go

Here are some things to check out if you head to San Francisco.

- Chinese New Year Parade: Feb. 19, 5:15 p.m.-8 p.m., Market and Second to Kearny and Jackson.
- Tin How Temple: 125 Waverly Place. Free admission. Donations accepted.
- Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory: 56 Ross Alley, parallel to Grant Avenue and in between Washington and Jackson streets. Free admission, although a sign asks 50 cents for pictures.
- Chinese Cultural Center: 750 Kearny, 415-986-1822, c-c-c.org. Heritage Walking Tours, Tuesday to Saturday, at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., $30 adults, $25 under age 15, free for children under 5.

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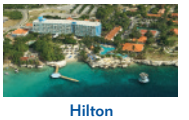

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Winter fishing in Victoria

Why dig a hole in the ice when you can hit the seas instead? Plenty of salmon to go around in wintertime

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Victoria is one of the few places in Canada where you can fish on the water all year round.

Most passionate Canadian anglers have to use an ice drill during these cold months. Sports fishing enthusiasts in Victoria, however, have it a lot easier.

Instead of huddling over a hole in a fishing shack, they get to catch salmon in the dead of winter in the form of the oddly named winter springs.

Winter springs are young chinook salmon. They stay close to Victoria during the winter months to feed on schools of herring, before heading out to sea where they become prized 25-kilogram-plus trophy salmon known as Tyee, King, or just chinook.

The herring hang out in the ocean close to Victoria during the winter before their run up the Gorge Waterway, which slices through the city, before they spawn in early spring.

A common sight in Victoria in late February and early March are Gorge bridges packed with anglers trying to hook migrating herring, which are used for chinook bait later in the summer.

But by attracting the young chinook, the herring also create a unique sport fishing opportunity at a traditionally slow time of the year for tourism.

"I always pump the winter fishery all summer long because it's such a strong, consistent fishery," said fishing guide Darren Beasley. "You're pretty much guaranteed your fish. I think I did 20 trips last February and I think I limited out on every trip."

Anglers are allowed to keep two chinook each. Winter springs usually weigh between three and five kilograms each.

"It's right through from December to early spring where we have a really strong winter chinook fishery," said Beasley, 37. He describes himself as a third generation Vancouver Island fishing enthusiast, who has been in the sport fishing business for 17 years.

Many Victoria salmon fishing charters operate out of the city's downtown Inner Harbour. The boats are moored steps from the B.C. legislature and the salmon are only minutes away.

"Six miles off Victoria in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, 15 minutes from Victoria harbour, and you're pounding salmon," Beasley said.

He said winter springs are full of life and fight above their weight.

"You get a 10-pounder and it will fight like a 30-pound summer fish," Beasley said. "They're an incredible fighting fish, pound for pound. That's why I always go after them."

Most anglers come to Vancouver Island during the summer in search of monster mature chinook topping 30 kilograms, but winter springs are a solid representative of what Beasley calls the most sought after salmon species in the Pacific.

"The size of fish this time of year; they're rock hard, bright red meat, a beautiful table fish. It probably doesn't get any better eating than these winter chinook."

The average winter temperature in Victoria is 8.2 C, with the average low at 3.6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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I'm an absolutely avid subway fan. Being a travel writer, I've had the opportunity to experience the underground systems in cities round the world and I've loved it.

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- Always have your fare ready when entering the subway.
- Wear your purse over one shoulder with the opening flap against you.
- Don't tempt thieves by carrying credit cards or money in a fanny pack; these pouches can easily be sliced open with a razor.
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The other side

Sin City has more to offer than gaming and cheap buffets ▶ The Mojave Desert is worth the trip alone

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN

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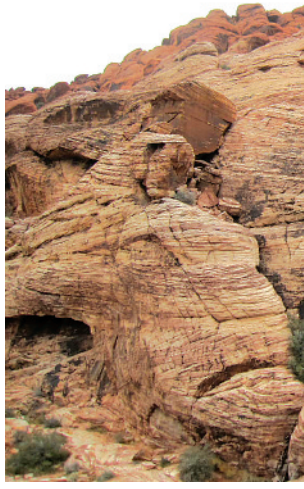
Beyond all the glamour, gambling, glitz, and gaudiness of Las Vegas is some truly awesome natural beauty.

In stark contrast to Sin City, only about 20 kilometers away from the famous lights of the Strip, lies stunning Red Rock Canyon. When I first arrived at this popular hiking area in a remote section of the Mojave Desert, I was sure the huge striped rock formations in front of me were something out of a Hollywood movie set. Now, I'm no geologist, but I really was amazed by this beautiful area that simply doesn't look real.

Because Red Rock is now designated a natural conservation area, there is a $3.50 fee to enter the canyon, but believe me, it's a bargain at 10 times the price. I set out to hike through giant red rocks as tall as skyscrapers, and soon realized it could take days to see just a fraction of them. These million year old rocks have a rich history, having first attracted native American tribes hundreds of years ago, due to a natural supply of water.

The desert wildlife is also abundant, and all around if you know what to look for. After climbing to the top of one formation, I looked out to see a couple of desert bighorn sheep scaling a steep rock face. A half hour later I spied two wild burros resting in the shade.



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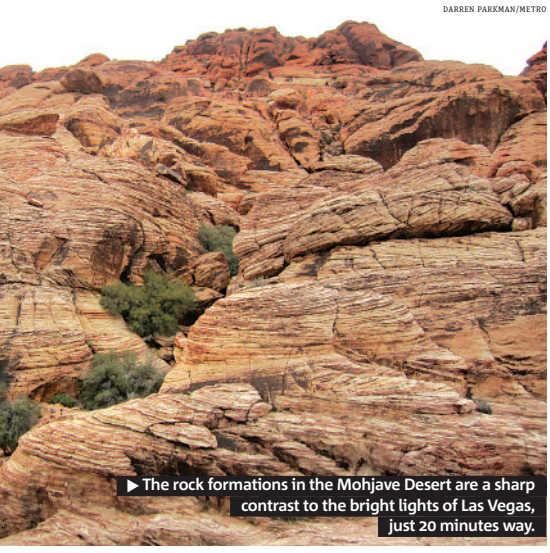

▶ The rock formations in the Mohjave Desert are a sharp contrast to the bright lights of Las Vegas, just 20 minutes way.

of the mountains was full when I arrived, and I passed dozens of other hikers along the way. As I took in all this natural wonder, it was mind boggling to remember that just a 20-minute drive away were thousands of people gambling, drinking and gorging themselves in multiple cheap buffets in the heart of the strip. Also, it's a lot cheaper than dropping a couple of hundred bucks in the slots!

Hoover Dam & Lake Mead

If you want to explore beyond the casinos and buffets, here are some cool things to do outside Las Vegas.

Visit Hoover Dam: Less than a half hour from downtown Vegas, the historic dam is impressive. Hundreds visit the new dam bypass bridge to get a up-close view of the massive concrete structure.

Check out Lake Mead: This oasis in the middle of the desert is also close to Vegas, and very popular with boaters, jet skiers and fishermen. For a small fee you can even camp on the shores.

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"There are parties in clubs, in hotels and around pools throughout Miami"

Sitting on the edge of the Caribbean Ocean, Miami is the hub for many of the flights over to the islands – but it's a destination worth stopping off at in itself. The weather is always great and there are always exciting events going on when you're done with people-watching on South Beach.

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You can take in the splendid art deco architecture at a relaxed pace with a stroll down Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue, stopping off for a cocktail at one of the stunning 1920s and 1930s hotels as you go. For more insight into the history of this colourful architecture, join a daily tour organized by the Art Deco District Welcome Center (www.mdpl.org).

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2 GO SHOPPING

There are plenty of shopping opportunities for fashionistas here. You'll find designer boutiques one block from the beach along Collins Avenue including Armani, Guess, Tommy Hilfiger and Intermix, which cherry-picks the best of designer brands. There's more fashion on Washington Avenue, and at the Lincoln Road Mall at 16th Street, for mainstream brands including Gap and American Apparel, and quirky vintage stores as well.

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3 POSE BY A POOL

You've seen it in the hip hop videos, and you can do it yourself — slip on your gold bikini and sip cocktails by the pool during the day, or get dressed up and party into the wee hours with Miami's most gorgeous palm-fringed rooftop pool bar, Plunge, at the Gansevoort Miami Beach hotel on Collins Avenue. (www.gansevoorthotelgroup.com)

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4 GO FOR A SUNDOWNER

There are plenty of fabulous bars for sundowner cocktails on South Beach, from the new W Hotel through to classics like the Delano. But for a great sunset you'll need to be on the west side of the strip — hit the Mondrian where you can watch the sun set over mainland Miami from its glamorous indoor-outdoor Sunset Lounge, designed by world-famous designer Marcel Wanders. (www.delanohotel.com; www.mondrian-miami.com)

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5 PARTY AT A FESTIVAL

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"Hit up celebrity chef Mario Batali's Eataly for dinner — and provisions for lunch the next day."

With hundreds of world-class eateries, restaurants, gourmet shops, bars and now even food trucks crammed into one small island, New York City is a foodie's Mecca. But where should the hungry traveller hit?

To start your day, eat the quintessential New York breakfast — a bagel. Brought over by Eastern European immigrants in the early 1900s, today's version contains salt, malt and is boiled prior to baking, resulting in a puffy, moist delicacy best enjoyed with heaping amounts of cream cheese. Try the classic ones at H&H Bagels (2239 Broadway; hhbagels.com).

The best Indian cuisine this side of Bombay can be had for around $10 for lunch at most Indian restaurants in the two "Little Indias" in the city (Lexington Avenue, between 26th and 30th Streets., and 6th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues).

For dinner, Eataly (200 5th Ave.; eatalyny.com), Mario Batali's new Italian market, is a must. Wander through this massive hybrid of restaurant/grocery store/food court/meat market to sample various delicacies before you sit down to dine at one of his many restaurants inside this emporium.

If you're looking for a more historical New York City epicurean experience, try the '21' Club (21 W. 52nd St.; 21club.com). The famed prohibition speakeasy turned pillar of New York culinary culture has hosted every President since FDR (except for George W. Bush) and hundreds of celebrities.

Still can't decide? For Chinese and Vietnamese, hit Chinatown (Canal Street); for Puerto Rican, Kosher and Latin American food (as well as tons of new, hip eateries), go to the Lower East Side (Houston and Canal Streets); while Harlem (110th St. to Harlem River) is host to some of America's best soul food and barbecue.

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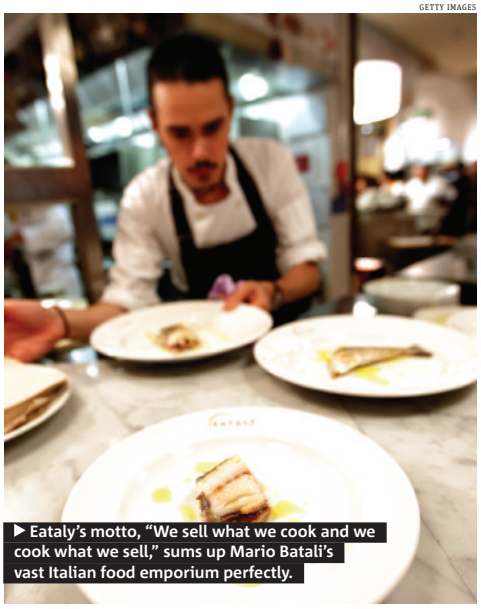

▶ Eataly's motto, "We sell what we cook and we cook what we sell," sums up Mario Batali's vast Italian food emporium perfectly.

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It's soup season

Canadian winters are the perfect time to discover and create new soups

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This soup is a complete meal in a bowl. Try using ground chicken or turkey instead of beef. (Add an extra tablespoon of breadcrumbs if using poultry).

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▶ Meatball and egg noodle soup.

Preparation:

1. To make the meatballs, combine ground beef, breadcrumbs, barbecue sauce, egg, garlic, basil and 2 tbsp of parmesan cheese. Form into 1-inch meatballs (you should have enough to make 24 meatballs). Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium heat. Cook meatballs for about 5 minutes, turning occasionally or until browned on all sides. Set aside.

2. To make the soup, lightly coat a large nonstick pot with cooking spray, add oil and set over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté for 5 minutes. Stir in green pepper and carrots and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in stock, tomato sauce, tomato paste, chili powder and browned meatballs. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes.

3. Stir in egg noodles and simmer for 5 minutes or until the noodles are tender. Serve the soup in bowls, and garnish with remaining 4 cup Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients:

Meatballs
- 6 oz lean ground beef
- 3 tbsp dry seasoned breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 2 tbsp parmesan cheese

Soup
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 3 1/2 cups beef (or chicken) stock
- 2 cups tomato sauce (or store-bought spaghetti sauce)
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 cup dried egg noodles
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Red & Yellow Bell Pepper Soup

Ingredients:
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- 1 ¼ cups chopped carrot
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ cups potato
- Ground black pepper
- 2 red bell peppers, 2 yellow bell peppers, roasted
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro, dill or basil

Preparation:

1. Spray a saucepan with cooking oil, add vegetable oil. Place over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot, celery. Cook 8 minutes, stir occasionally.

2. Add chicken stock, and peeled and diced potato. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until carrots and potatoes are tender.

3. Purée red peppers in a food processor until smooth. Add half the soup mix and process until smooth. Season with black pepper and pour into a serving bowl. Rinse food processor. Repeat steps with yellow peppers and remaining soup. Pour into another serving bowl.

4. Ladle some red pepper soup into one side of individual serving bowl. At the same time, ladle some yellow pepper soup into the other side of the bowl. Garnish with cilantro. ROSE REISMAN

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Be the boss that everyone brags about

You've finally landed the role of leader at your office ▶ How will you reign in respect from your new crew?

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▶ Author Donna Flag says a common mistake a new boss makes is forcing change before getting to know the lay of the land.

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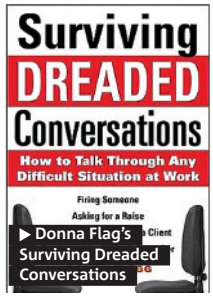
The move from a lowly cubicle to a boss's desk is a humble victory stroll for most. However, it can also be an all expenses paid power trip for that rare and loathsome brute that mutates into a monster just as quickly as the title changes.

Every career leap comes with a risk, and if you've elevated to a higher office, career counsellors note you're likely sandwiched between executives demanding insta-results – More sales! Faster turnaround! Prettier PowerPoints! – and overworked underlings with full of apprehension.

The secret to rendering that transition as miserable as possible for every unfortunate involved is to let the stress bring forth your inner Bonaparte.

"People come in there with this façade that you're running things now, but you're not automatically going to have respect," warns Donna Flagg, author of Surviving Dreaded Conversations. "You have to earn it by the virtues of your behaviour and by how you treat people."



▶ Donna Flag's Surviving Dreaded Conversations

She says the surest way to garner the esteem and cooperation of your workforce is "to be really open."

"In the first 90 days, what you really want to do is listen," career counselor Barbara Frankel concurs. "People are often afraid to voice their ideas, like they don't want to stick their necks out. You need to set a climate where every idea is valued and important, even if it isn't acted upon."

But if every time you fish the office pool for fresh ideas you reel in empty hooks, "put a little structure behind it," Flagg recommends.

"Schedule on-boarding meetings where you give a half hour to every person and get a sense from them about what's going on," she suggests. "You have to say, 'I want your honest opinion,' and then you have to behave in a way that doesn't punish them for giving it to you."

Too often, Frankel notes, a newly minted manager feels pressure to be the "ideas boss," the bubbling fountain wherein all novel thoughts are birthed.

"That closes you off to a lot of opportunities," Flagg cautions. Plus, she adds, it turns your workers into minions.

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TTC Public Meetings on Proposed Route Changes

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Public meetings will be held to provide information on the routes which are proposed for reallocation and alternatives to those routes, and to obtain feedback from customers:

- **Wednesday, January 26, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **Scarborough Civic Centre**, Rotunda, 150 Borough Drive; direct access from Scarborough Centre Station.
- **Thursday, January 27, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **Elmbank Community Centre**, lower level, 10 Rampart Road (south east corner of Finch Avenue and Martin Grove Road); access from 36 Finch West, 46 Martin Grove, and 191 Highway 27 Rocket bus routes.

For those unable to attend any of these meetings, but wish to provide comment, go to www.servicefeedback.ttc.ca. The public can also call the TTC at 416-393-3030, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, or can contact their City Councillor.

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CAREFUL WITH COMPLAINTS

Employees love to complain about their jobs. They often perceive mistreatment at work as an invitation to a lawsuit or a human rights complaint.

However, one Ontario employee learned that not every grievance of unfairness at work leads to a successful human rights complaint.

Donna Race was one the only females employed at an Oshawa auto assembly line. In 2006, she complained that her co-workers played the radio too loud and that the excessive noise affected her hearing. In response, she received threats from her co-workers and one of them called her a "bitch."

Unsatisfied with the way her employer handled the situation, Race complained to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, arguing she had been harassed because of her gender.

However, before presenting its case, Race's employer contested the Tribunal's jurisdiction to entertain the complaint, arguing it was not related to Race's gender and that her hearing loss was only temporary. Instead, it argued that Race's complaint was about the volume of a radio, something that a human rights tribunal has no authority to decide.

Recently, the Tribunal agreed. Race failed to show that she was treated differently at work because of her gender or a disability. Although the comment her co-worker made was offside, it did not amount to discrimination.

The decision reiterates an important lesson for employees:

Do not bring a human rights complaint where there is only a marginal connection to discrimination. As a unionized employee, it should have been open to Race to file a grievance with her union.

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Master's mantra

Are you a worker in need of some inspiration? Meet six big-wigs willing to share the words that keep them reaching for the top every day

John Furlong
CEO for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games Organizing Committee
"My mantra is, 'A compelling vision combined with a set of core values are the key ingredients to an organization's success.'"

Vern Kimball
CEO of the Calgary Stampede
"My mantra is, 'To whom much is given; from whom much is expected,' a common saying in the Kimball household. It was an expectation that we would make the most of the opportunities that were given to us."

Jim Leech
CEO of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and overseeer of the service and retirement income needs of its 289,000 members
"My mantra is: 'People. Execution. Results.' This means having the right people in the right positions, with the right skills and knowledge to do the best job possible.'"

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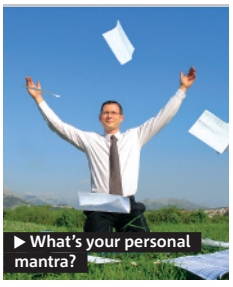

▶ What's your personal mantra?

Fred Connors
Owner of FRED, a hair salon, café and art gallery
"My mantra is, 'A perfect team is comprised of individuals with magical abilities. A perfect leader helps those talents be discovered, because if you don't possess inner magical abilities, you cannot contribute to greatness. If you are not interested in being great at something, there are plenty of other places to work.'"

Reg Milley
CEO of Edmonton International Airport
At the company's 2010 annual general meeting, he rallied the city to challenge Calgary's top-dog status: "It's time to stop reaching. It's time to stretch ourselves and grasp our destiny."

Jim Watson
Mayor of Ottawa
Spoken at a 2010 swearing-in-ceremony about the value of civic service: "My favourite quote comes from the poet Henrik Ibsen, who over 100 years ago wrote: 'A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.'"

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Frankly, I'm puzzled
While puzzles might be thought of as a form of entertainment, their meaning might actually be much deeper. The University of Toronto offers Puzzles, Discovery and the Human Imagination, a course that looks "at what puzzles tell us about the human mind and human culture," says its academic calendar description.

RICHARD WOODBURY

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If I don't ace this course I'll die!
More than one of life's certainties, Death is a religious studies course offered at Saint Mary's University. Some of the topics examined include how death is perceived across different religions, what happens after one dies and how death has become taboo in today's society.

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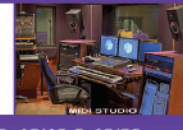

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NHL. Another loss for Leafs

▶ Tampa Bay's Simon Gagne celebrates with teammates after his goal against the Leafs last night.

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Lightning strike twice, and that was enough to beat the Leafs

Dwayne Roloson made 26 saves in his third shutout in 10 games this month, Teddy Purcell had a goal and an assist, and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-0 last night for their fifth straight victory.
Roloson, acquired in a trade with the New York Islanders on New Year's Day, took a shutout into the third period of a 7-1 win Sunday over Atlanta.
Toronto all-star forward Phil Kessel had his goal drought reach seven games. The Maple Leafs completed a stretch of five games in seven days with a 1-4-0 record, including losses in the final three contests.

Wells move a fit for both sides

▶ 32-year-old gets chance to play for competitive squad in Los Angeles ▶ Blue Jays gain freedom from $86 million owed to the centre fielder over the final four years of his contract

The relationship between the Toronto Blue Jays and Vernon Wells didn't have to end last week, but when the opportunity for change arose they both understood it was time to move on.

Their priorities diverged once Alex Anthopoulos took over as general manager at the end of the 2009 season. The team wanted to build up talent for the long-term.

In the midst of a $126-million US, seven-year contract, however, the centre-fielder knew he had to get on board, even if that wasn't what he signed up for.

So they found a comfort zone, made the best of it, and were content to go on. But when the Los Angeles Angels called, they reassessed things and agreed they had to part ways.

It wasn't the ending anyone had envisioned, but it marks an unexpected new beginning for both Wells and the Blue Jays.

"For (Anthopoulos), it's just a difficult situation because I'm kind of the old guy that's been there forever, but he's doing his thing now, he's bringing the young talent that he wants to build his team around," Wells said during an emotional conference call with Blue Jays beat writers yesterday morning.

> **"For me, it's a great opportunity to start a new chapter in my life."**
> VERNON WELLS

"Even though this wasn't part of the plan. ... It's a change that we just thought came at the right time for both parties."

By waving his no-trade clause, Wells gets the opportunity to play for the present with an Angels team in the diluted American League West. Being closer to his Texas home is a nice perk, too.

The Blue Jays get financial flexibility in the deal and while 2011 isn't a writeoff by any stretch, the real benefits will come down the road if Anthopoulos plays his cards right. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays flip Napoli for another reliever

The Toronto Blue Jays shipped just-acquired Mike Napoli to the Texas Rangers for reliever Frank Francisco and cash yesterday.

The right-hander was 6-4 with two saves and a 3.76 earned-run average in 56 relief appearances for the AL West champs last season.

The 31-year-old had a career high 25 saves in 2009 as the Rangers closer.

In six big-league seasons, all with Texas, Francisco is 17-15 with 32 saves and a 3.75 ERA.

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▶ Frank Francisco

Packers tie costs salesman his job

A car salesman in suburban Chicago has been fired for refusing to remove a Green Bay Packers tie that he wore to work the day after the Packers beat the Bears to advance to the Super Bowl.

John Stone says he wore the Packers tie to work Monday at Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn to honour his late grandmother, who was a big Green Bay fan.

The sentimental gesture did not impress his boss, Jerry Roberts. Roberts said that Stone was offered five chances to take off the tie but he refused.

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4 sports

Raptors preview

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Philadelphia (19-25) has won two straight and six of its last 10. The Sixers looked impressive in a 105-95 win over visiting Phoenix on Monday, shooting 54.3 per cent from the floor. On their 44 field goals, they collected 31 assists. Fourteen of Philadelphia's 19 wins have come at home.

The undermanned Raptors (13-32) look to end their eight-game losing streak. There were some positives in the last-second loss to Memphis on Monday. Rookie Ed Davis had a career high six blocks and point guard Jerryd Bayless scored 15 points and had career bests in assists (11) and rebounds (eight).

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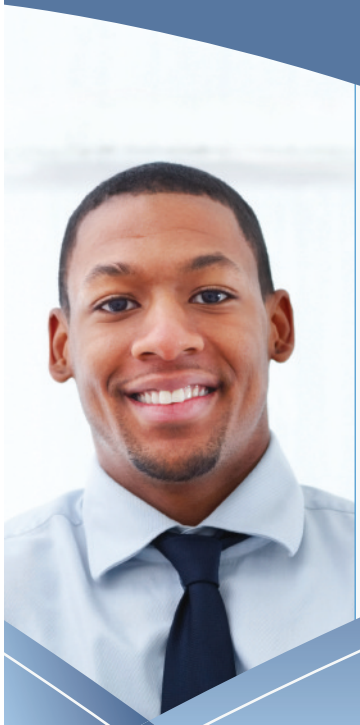

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FRANK GETS IT.

Federer rolls over his Swiss teammate

- He will meet No. 3 ranked Djokovic in the semifinal
- Nadal will play fellow Spaniard Ferrer today

Roger Federer edged closer to a showdown with Rafael Nadal at the Australian Open with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 win over Stanislas Wawrinka yesterday in an all-Swiss quarter-final.

Defending champion Federer faced just one break point, winning all 13 of his service games, and polished off his Beijing Olympics doubles gold medallist teammate in one hour 47 minutes.

"When it's clicking it's really a good feeling, and I don't ask too many questions," Federer said of his dominant serve.

All facets of Federer's game were working yesterday as he advanced to a semifinal against Novak Djokovic.

No. 3-ranked Djokovic overpowered Tomas Berdych 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1 in a night match at Rod Laver Arena.

"I was tying to change the pace, put him out of the comfort zone," Djokovic said. "When he is in his comfort zone, he is a very difficult player, hits very strong, he has powerful strokes, powerful serve. So I needed to put some variety in the game."

He is liking his chances in the semifinals.

"If I continue playing like this, I think I have a good chance," Djokovic said. "But in the next match I have Federer. We all know he is the best player ever, so we all know it is going to be tough."

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▶ Roger Federer serves in his quarter-final match yesterday against Stanislas Wawrinka.

NHL ALL-STAR GAME

Malkin too sick to play

The NHL all-star game has lost another Pittsburgh Penguins star.

Forward Evgeni Malkin will miss this weekend's festivities in Raleigh, N.C., due to a sinus infection, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said yesterday.

Malkin joins Penguins teammate Sidney Crosby on the sidelines. Crosby is out with a concussion and will not attend the event.

Bylsma said Malkin was too sick to play last night against the Islanders. The Russian is also reportedly nagged by a sore left knee.

Malkin was voted into the all-star game by the fans but hasn't played for a week.

He has 15 goals and 22 assists in 42 games this season.

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Rodriguez, Astros ink new deal

Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez and the Houston Astros avoided arbitration and reached agreement yesterday on a $34-million US, three-year deal.

The Astros said the contract will be finalized after Rodriguez takes a physical tomorrow. Rodriguez was 11-12 with a 3.60 ERA last season.

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	49	30	10	4	5	163	120	69	16-3-1-4	14-7-3-1	4-2-1-3	W1
d-Detroit	48	29	13	4	2	163	142	64	14-6-3-1	15-7-1-1	5-4-0-1	L1
d-Dallas	49	29	15	1	4	144	136	63	15-6-1-3	14-9-0-1	7-2-0-1	L2
Nashville	49	27	16	4	2	133	117	60	11-4-3-2	16-12-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Anaheim	52	28	20	2	2	140	146	60	17-7-0-1	11-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
Phoenix	49	24	16	6	3	141	139	57	10-8-3-2	14-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Chicago	49	26	19	2	2	155	135	56	16-12-0-0	10-7-2-2	6-3-0-1	L1
Colorado	49	25	18	6	0	159	160	56	14-10-3-0	11-8-3-0	5-4-1-0	W1
San Jose	49	25	19	4	1	137	135	55	12-10-2-1	13-9-2-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Minnesota	48	24	19	1	4	126	132	53	11-11-0-2	13-8-1-2	6-4-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	49	26	22	1	0	140	122	53	16-9-1-0	10-13-0-0	4-6-0-0	W2
Calgary	50	23	21	2	4	140	151	52	13-9-0-1	10-12-2-2	5-2-1-2	W3
St. Louis	48	22	19	3	4	129	142	51	15-8-1-2	7-11-2-2	2-6-1-1	L3
Columbus	49	23	21	3	2	130	152	51	12-11-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	47	14	25	1	7	117	162	36	7-13-1-3	7-12-1-3	2-7-0-1	L5

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Buffalo 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2
Florida 4 N.Y. Rangers 3
Pittsburgh 1 N.Y. Islanders 0
Montreal at Philadelphia
Toronto at Tampa Bay
Minnesota at Chicago
Edmonton at Phoenix
Monday's results
Calgary 3 Nashville 1
Vancouver 7 Dallas 1
Carolina 6 Toronto 4
Colorado 4 St. Louis 3
Los Angeles 2 Boston 0
N.Y. Rangers 2 Washington 1 (SO)
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SABRES 3, SENATORS 2 (OT)

1. Ottawa, Kelly 11 (Foligno) 4:28
2. Buffalo, Byron 1 (Ennis, Stafford) 10:05
3. Buffalo, Hecht 8 (Myers, Vanek) 15:49

Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:02, Gerbe Buf (roughing) 6:57.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Stafford Buf (hooking) 14:52.
Third Period
4. Ottawa, Gonchar 6 (Karlsson, Fisher) 13:56 (pp)

Penalties — Myers Buf (cross-checking) 1:22, Miller Buf (tripping; served by Ennis) 12:35.
Overtime
5. Buffalo, Morrisonn 1 (Vanek) 1:59

Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Buffalo	15	6	2	2—25
Ottawa	12	11	6	0—29

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (W,21-14-4); Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-17-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-1; Ottawa: 1-4.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Marc Joannette.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, David Brisebois.
Attendance — 18,990 (19,153) at Ottawa.

LATE MONDAY

HURRICANES 6, MAPLE LEAFS 4

First Period
1. Carolina, Corvo 7 (Pitkanen, Ruutu) 12:16 (pp)
2. Toronto, Kaberle 2 (Kessel, Crabb) 19:51

Penalties — Kaberle Tor (tripping) 5:39, Gunnarsson Tor (high-sticking) 11:21, MacArthur Tor, LaRose Car (fighting) 12:19, Gleason Car (roughing) 16:51, Grabovski Tor, Kulemin Tor (roughing), Pitkanen Car (holding), Gleason Car (fighting, game misconduct) 20:00.
Second Period
3. Carolina, McBain 3 (Jokinen) 11:16

Penalties — Kaberle Tor (hooking) 2:58, White Car (hooking) 5:22, Skinner Car (holding) 15:25, Cole Car (interference) 16:00, Armstrong Tor (hooking) 19:16.
Third Period
4. Carolina, Bra.Sutter 9 (White, Boychuk) 1:49
5. Toronto, Brent 5 (Schenn, Beauchemin) 3:18
6. Toronto, Brent 6 (Phaneuf, Brown) 4:29 (sh)
7. Carolina, Bra.Sutter 10 (Jokinen) 8:55
8. Carolina, Skinner 18 (Corvo, E.Staal) 11:02 (pp)
9. Toronto, Brown 2 (Brent, Gunnarsson) 14:15 (pp)
10. Carolina, Cole 13, 19:13 (en)

Penalties — Crabb Tor (hooking) 3:42, Sjostrom Tor (goaltender interference) 9:53, Harrison Car (slashing) 12:21, Sjostrom Tor (holding) 14:41, Beauchemin Tor (tripping) 16:26.
Shots

Toronto	6	14	10	—30
Carolina	5	15	8	—28

Goal — Toronto: Giguere (L,9-9-3); Carolina: Ward (W,21-15-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 1-7; Carolina: 2-7.
Referees — Gord Dwyer, Dan O'Rourke. **Linesmen** — Bryan Pancich, Anthony Sericolo.
Att. — 16,201 (18,680) at Raleigh.

FLAMES 3, PREDATORS 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Glencross 12 (Stajan, Hagman) 10:14.

Penalties — Suter Nash (slashing) 2:33, Haliscuk Nash (hooking) 7:49, Giordano Cal (hooking) 11:57, Glencross Cal (slashing) 17:44.
Second Period
2. Nashville, Legwand 7 (Wilson, Ward) 10:32
3. Calgary, Iginla 21 (Stajan, Tanguay) 13:01 (pp)

Penalties — Legwand Nash (hooking) 5:03, Sarich Cal (cross-checking) 10:50, Ward Nash (high-sticking) 12:44, Nashville bench (too many men; served by Hornqvist) 14:20, Bouwmeester Cal (hooking) 18:44.
Third Period
4. Calgary, Morrison 8 (Tanguay, Giordano) 14:08 (pp)

Penalties — Sarich Cal (tripping) 7:55, Smithson Nash (hooking) 13:31.
Shots

Nashville	6	7	11	—24
Calgary	8	14	5	—27

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,17-12-4); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,19-18-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-5; Calgary: 2-6.
Referees — Francis Charron, Brad Watson.
Linesmen — Mike Cvik, Don Henderson.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

CANUCKS 7, STARS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 10 (D.Sedin, Ballard) 1:18
2. Dallas, Richards 20 (Neal) 7:19
3. Vancouver, Kesler 27 (Edler, H.Sedin) 9:05 (pp)
4. Vancouver, Ehrhoff 8 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 10:26 (pp)

Penalties — Benn Dal (high-sticking) 8:17, Burish Dal, Bieksa Vcr (unsportsmanlike conduct) 9:13, Fistric Dal (tripping) 9:41, Daley Dal (hooking) 17:20.
Second Period
5. Vancouver, Samuelsson 9 (Kesler, Raymond) 3:59
6. Vancouver, H.Sedin, 11 (Volpatti, Torres) 11:28

Penalties — Tambellini Vcr (interference) 7:11, Burrows Vcr (holding stick) 13:27, Morrow Dal (charging) 14:43, Bieksa Vcr (interference) 15:27, Morrow Vcr (goaltender interference) 17:28, Hamhuis Vcr (tripping) 19:56.
Third Period
7. Vancouver, Raymond 9 (Edler, Samuelsson) 11:05
8. Vancouver, Hamhuis 4 (Tambellini, Tanev) 13:12 (pp)

Penalties — Ribiero Dal, Hamhuis Vcr (double roughing) 4:59, Burish Dal (roughing, misconduct), Barch Dal, Ballard Vcr (roughing), Burrows Vcr (misconduct) 12:16, Ott Dal (high-sticking) 19:55.
Shots

Dallas	10	7	9	—26
Vancouver	12	12	12	—36

Goal (shots-saves) — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,21-11-5) (33-27), Raycroft (13:12 third)(3-3); Vancouver: Luongo (W,22-8-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 0-4; Vancouver: 3-7.
Referees — Tom Kowal, Steve Kozaru.
Linesmen — Brad Lazarowich, Thor Nelson.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,810) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	38	29	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	36	63
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	50	61
St. Louis, TB	20	40	60
B.Richards, Dal	20	37	57
Zetterberg, Det	16	36	52
Perry, Ana	25	26	51
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
E.Staal, Car	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	33	49
Kesler, Vcr	27	20	47

Not including last night's games

NFL

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's results
AFC — Pittsburgh 24 N.Y. Jets 19
NFC — Green Bay 21 Chicago 14

PRO BOWL

Sunday's game
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLV

Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Tuesday's results
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Li Na (9), China, def. Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3.
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (9), U.S., 6-3, 6-3.
Liezel Huber, U.S., and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Anastasia Rodionova (5), Australia, 6-1, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Chuang Chia-jung and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Doubles – Quarter-finals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (6), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
Eric Butorac, U.S., and Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands Antilles, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Oliver Marach (4), Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
MIXED DOUBLES
Second Round
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, 4-6, 6-4, 10-4 tiebreak.
JUNIOR GIRLS
Singles – Second Round
Eugenie Bouchard (14), Montreal, def. Tian Ran, China, 6-1, 6-2.
Nastja Kolar (16), Slovenia, def. Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, 6-2, 2-6, 9-7.
Doubles – Second Round
Denisa Allertova and Klara Fabikova, Czech Republic, def. **Eugenie Bouchard, Montreal,** and Monica Puig (2), Puerto Rico, 6-0, 6-3.

SOCCER

WOMEN'S FOUR NATIONS

Yesterday's results
At Beijing
Canada 1 Sweden 0
At Chongqing, China
U.S. 2 China 0

ASIAN CUP

SEMIFINALS

At Doha Qatar
Australia 6 Uzbekistan 0
Japan 2 South Korea 2
(Japan advances 3-0 on penalty kicks)

ENGLAND

CARLING CUP

SECOND LEG
Arsenal 3 Ipswich 0
(Arsenal advances on 3-1 aggregate)

PREMIER LEAGUE

Blackpool 2 Manchester United 3
Wigan 1 Aston Villa 2

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Schalke 3 Nuremberg 2 (OT)

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Palermo 0 Parma 0
(Palermo wins 5-4 on penalty kicks)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Slowey on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired RHP Frank Francisco and cash considerations from Texas for C Mike Napoli.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Wellemeyer on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wandy Rodriguez on a three-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Announced OF Jason Pridie and RHP Tobi Stoner cleared waivers and were sent outright to Buffalo (IL).

BASKETBALL

NBA

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G Garrett Temple to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

CFL

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Re-signed LB Markeith Knowlton to a three-year contract.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed K Justin Palardy and OL Chris Greaves to contract extensions.

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Robert James on two-year contract.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Ray Brown assistant offensive line coach.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Chris Tabor special teams coordinator.
DENVER BRONCOS—Named Ron Milus secondary coach and Richard Smith linebackers coach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Al Saunders offensive coordinator.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Brad Seely assistant head coach/special teams coordinator and Kevin Tolbert assistant strength and conditioning coach.

HOCKEY

NHL

N.Y. ISLANDERS—Suspended G Evgeni Nabokov for not reporting to the team after being claimed off waivers from the Detroit.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Mike Brodeur from Binghamton (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled G Alex Stalock from Worcester (AHL).

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Portland D Tim Conboy two games as a result of his actions in a Jan. 21 game at Worcester.
CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed F Tim Miller.

SOCCER

MLS

PHILADELPHIA UNION—Waived G Brad Knighton.
NEW YORK RED BULL—Signed MF Matt Kassel.

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK FOUR
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	34	10	.773	—
d-Miami	31	13	.705	3
d-Chicago	31	14	.689	3½
Atlanta	29	16	.644	5½
Orlando	29	16	.644	5½
New York	23	21	.523	11
Philadelphia	19	25	.432	15
Charlotte	17	25	.405	16
Indiana	16	25	.390	16½
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	17
Detroit	17	28	.378	17½
Washington	13	31	.295	21
New Jersey	13	32	.289	21½
Toronto	13	32	.289	21½
Cleveland	8	37	.178	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	38	7	.844	—
d-L.A. Lakers	32	13	.711	6
New Orleans	30	16	.652	8½
Dallas	28	15	.651	9
d-Oklahoma City	28	16	.636	9½
Utah	27	17	.614	10½
Denver	26	18	.591	11½
Portland	25	21	.543	13½
Memphis	22	23	.489	16
Phoenix	20	23	.465	17
Houston	21	25	.457	17½
Golden State	19	25	.432	18½
L.A. Clippers	17	26	.395	20
Sacramento	10	32	.238	26½
Minnesota	10	34	.227	27½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning percentage.
Last night's results
Boston 112 Cleveland 95
Denver 120 Washington 109
L.A. Clippers at Dallas
Charlotte at Sacramento
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Memphis 100 Toronto 98
Chicago 92 Milwaukee 83
Detroit 103 Orlando 96
Houston 129 Minnesota 125
New Jersey 103 Cleveland 101
New Orleans 91 Oklahoma City 89
New York 115 Washington 106
Philadelphia 105 Phoenix 95
Sacramento 96 Portland 81
San Antonio 113 Golden State 102
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SKIING

MEN'S WORLD CUP SLALOM

At Schladming, Austria
Yesterday's results
(run times in parentheses)
1. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, one minute 46.54 seconds (54.62-51.92); 2. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:46.58 (53.77-52.81); 3. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:47.14 (54.22-52.92); 4. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:47.47 (54.92-52.55); 5. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:47.54 (54.42-53.12); 6. Axel Baeck, Sweden, 1:47.69 (55.48-52.21); 7. Jens Byggmark, Sweden, 1:47.72 (56.45-51.27); 8. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:47.83 (55.20-52.63); 9. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:47.84 (55.35-52.49); 10. Naoki Yuasa, Japan, 1:47.90 (56.12-51.78).
11. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:47.95 (55.77-52.18); 12. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:48.26 (55.03-53.23); 13. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 1:48.74 (57.08-51.66); **14. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:48.89 (56.43-52.46)**; 15. Markus Vogel, Switzerland, 1:49.07 (57.07-52.00).
Also — 23. Trevor White, Calgary, 1:50.09 (56.93-53.16); 25. Paul Stutz, Banff, Alta., 1:50.54 (57.00-53.54).
Disqualified After Second Run — Patrick Biggs, Orleans, Ont.

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Olympian. Retires

▶ Olympic silver medallist in moguls, Jenn Heil, from Spruce Gorve, Alta., listens as her retirement is announced at a news conference yesterday in Calgary.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heil 'has no regrets in this sport'

Jennifer Heil announced her retirement in her home province of Alberta and at her last World Cup race in Canada. The 27-year-old will compete at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary this weekend, followed by the world championships Feb. 2-5 in Deer Valley, Utah, and in five more World Cups in Europe.
"I've only said it out loud this morning for the first time and I've been in tears most of the morning," she said.

LEAFS SELDOM GOOD, NEVER BAD ENOUGH

Opinion

ADAM PROTEAU
THE HOCKEY NEWS

The Maple Leafs don't have a good shot at making the playoffs this season. And Leafs fans should pray team management doesn't make the same mistake as it did when the franchise was in a similar situation two years ago.

Back then — which was Brian Burke's initial (half) season as Leafs GM — one of the first moves the new administration made was to claim veteran netminder Martin Gerber off waivers from Ottawa.

At the time of Gerber's acquisition — in early March 2009 — Toronto's goalie cupboard was bare; starter Vesa Toskala was injured, while the other alternatives were an approximately 471-year-old Curtis Joseph and an alleged goalie-of-the-future in Justin Pogge (who since has been dealt to Carolina).

The Leafs had no chance of making the playoffs by that point, which made Gerber's presence more than a little curious. And what wound up happening? Toronto won nine of its remaining 18 regular-season matchups (Gerber won five of those games) and finished 24th overall, depriving the franchise of a lottery pick, which could have landed the team a young star such as Matt Duchene, John Tavares, or Victor Hedman.

That isn't to say Nazem Kadri, the player Toronto selected in the 2009 draft with the seventh overall pick, won't be something special. But few would compare him to Duchene, Hedman or Tavares — and the handful of extra wins Gerber added had no significant, lasting impact on the team.

Now let's focus on the current situation. Toronto sits far back of the final playoff position in the Eastern Conference and it would take a minor to major miracle for the Leafs to make it.

So, as the second half of the schedule — and the Feb. 28 trade deadline — approaches, Leafs Nation ought to hope Burke doesn't fall into the same trap by acquiring a veteran or two as a stop-gap measure. (That includes playing J.S. Giguere heavily down the stretch.)

Short term, the Leafs have to be as bad as they can. Otherwise, in the long term, they're bound to be what they've been since 2004: Just bad enough to miss the playoffs and just good enough to miss the lottery.

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Engine performance

Providing the necessary grunt to haul passengers and their personal effects is a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 201 horsepower and 170 pound-feet of torque.

This is the same base powerplant that's used in the TSX sedan and performs with quiet efficiency at the lower end of the rev range.

However, when pushed hard, the 2.4 becomes a bit raucous, although not in any seriously upsetting way.

Fully-equipped

Buyers will definitely be able to speed through the option list.

As with all Acuras, the TSX arrives with all the right up-level gear right out of the box: leather interior; power moonroof; dual-zone climate control; and a cool set of 17-inch alloy wheels.

A premium audio and navigation systems, power tailgate, 18-inch rims and an aero-style body kit are among the few extra-cost items.

Carrying capacity

It's safe to assume everybody will appreciate the TSX Sport Wagon's carrying capacity, which is more than double that of the sedan, even with the rear seat in the locked-and-upright place.

When folded flat, the load surface extends some 70 inches giving the TSX nearly the same cargo volume as Acura's entry-level RDX sport ute.

▶ Outside of North America, it's called the Honda Accord Tourer. Since the Acura TSX is Accord-based, and since Honda already has the Crosstour, it joins the Acura line as the TSX Sport Wagon.

Meet Acura's newest member

TSX Wagon

What you should know about the 2011 Acura TSX Sport Wagon:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive, mid-size wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC four-cylinder (201).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.4/6.4 (est.).

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Sometimes luxury and practicality fight for the same space, but there's plenty of both to go around when it comes to the 2011 TSX Sport Wagon.

It's Acura's first shot at marketing what has in the past been the exclusive domain of its Honda parent.

Technically, the Acura Sport Wagon is a Honda since it was previously launched in Japan and other countries around the globe as the Accord Tourer.

However for North America, Honda developed the homegrown Accord Crosstour hatchback that arrived for the 2010 model year with a standard V6 engine and available all-wheel-drive.

The impending arrival of the sharp-looking TSX Sport Wagon has likely turned Honda's product planners green with envy and has them wondering if they shouldn't have lobbied harder to get a wagon of their own after all.

Internal politics aside, the new TSX hauler is a smart-looking piece of work regardless of what brand bucket it falls into.

The Sport Wagon projects a certain sophisticated appearance that displays a strong kinship with the newly updated TSX sedan.

The folks at Acura believe the wagon will appeal to young, affluent buyers, but there will likely be a knot of practical-minded empty-nesters as well as disaffected Honda Accord owners just itching for a test drive.

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The Sport Wagon comes with a four-cylinder engine with no optional V6. Interestingly, a V6 is the standard engine in the Honda Crosstour, which is actually a little cheaper to start. An Acura spokesman said that the primary target audience for the wagon — young, urban, family types — ranked fuel economy as having greater importance than raw horsepower and thrust.

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By comparison

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Gas prices have been creeping up all winter. As of writing this, the national average is hovering around $1.12 per litre. Experts predict prices in spring will be even higher — probably up to $1.20 to $1.30 per litre.

The spectre of continuously rising gas prices is scary, particularly if you're prone to apocalyptic thoughts and/or driving a 1972 Buick Estate Wagon.

But according to Roger McKnight, a petroleum analyst with En-Pro International, the fear of gas prices running out of control because of insatiable worldwide demand is not based in reality.

"There is lots of inventory," says McKnight.

In his opinion the current higher-than-normal prices are attributable to the current high-cost of crude oil — plus the actions of the oil companies.

"If they were just following the cost of crude, gas prices right now should only be about eight per cent higher than last winter. Right now we're about 15 or 16 per cent higher."

He figures the extra spread is just the fuel companies jacking up their profit margins.

Another factor, according to McKnight, is that the oil companies are not currently adding to their stock of gasoline inventories. Refineries typically run on a two-season schedule: heating oil and other products from May to September; gasoline from October to March. Usually they shut down refineries in mid to late February, for maintenance and for "change over" activities.

This year they've scheduled these down times for mid-January.

"I'm guessing they're feeling gas inventories are too high," said McKnight. Which leads the rest of us to not guess why we are so cynical about fuel companies.

Another gas price expert is Jason Toews of GasBuddy.com, which helps you find the stations in your area with the lowest gas prices. Toews says the increasing optimism in the economy will also keep prices high through spring and beyond, adding that optimism translates to more driving, and more speculators driving up crude prices.

Will all this cause rioting in the streets? Not likely.

"We've become desensitized to high gas prices," says Toews. "A dollar a litre doesn't scare anybody anymore."

This sentiment is borne out by the vehicle sales charts. When gas prices spike, we no longer seem to run to smaller vehicles. We buy the type of vehicle we want, drive when we want, and just seem to grin and bear it at the pumps.

Is there a tipping point? A pump-price that will make us change our driving and/or purchasing behaviours? McKnight says Americans freak out when their gas hits four dollars a gallon, but wasn't sure what it would take to shock Canadians. Toews thinks $1.60 to $1.70 a litre would do the trick.

I don't think Bruce Cockburn was thinking about gas prices when he penned the lyrics, "The trouble with normal is it always gets worse." But he might as well have been.

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▶ "A dollar a litre doesn't scare anybody anymore," says Jason Toews of GasBuddy.com.

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▶ 2003 Ford Crown Victoria

If it's good enough for the police...

Then the Ford Crown Victoria could certainly be a viable used-car option for you ▶ Simplistic last-gen vehicle proves reliable and cheap to run

SECOND GEAR

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Commonly recognized for its popularity as a taxi cab or police cruiser, the Ford Crown Victoria has now bowed out of the Canadian civilian market to focus on the fleet sales largely responsible for keeping it alive in recent years.

Many companies and organizations chose the Crown Vic as their fleet model of choice thanks to its size, low maintenance requirements and cheap running costs. As a financial decision when running a fleet of vehicles, the Crown Victoria just made plain sense. It's one of the reasons why it's attractive to budget-minded families, too.

The gist? Crown Victoria is cheap, reliable, has plenty of room, a giant trunk and plenty of available features and options. Some models are even available in a six-passenger configuration thanks to a front bench seat. To some families, it's even a worthy alternative to a minivan.

All Crown Victoria models were V8-powered, rear-drive sedans with automatic transmissions. The machine's 4.6 litre heart generated between 190 and about 230 horsepower, depending on the year and model in question.

In addition to the inherent classiness of this handsome sedan, shoppers in the used market can find a Crown Victoria with air conditioning, cruise, power accessories, leather seating, a trip computer, CD-changer, a moonroof and more.

Several visual and mechanical updates were added throughout the model's life, though the underlying platform remained largely the same.

The 4-1-1

- **Model:** 1992 to 2007 Ford Crown Victoria.
- **Vehicle Type:** Sedan.
- **Approximate used price range:** $1,000 to $6,000.

The good and bad

- **WHAT OWNERS LIKE:** Most last-generation Crown Vic owners say they loved the balance of comfort and handling, and a nice blend of performance and fuel economy. Cargo space, ride quality, interior space, seats and noise levels were highly rated, too. Cheap repairs and parts round out the package.
- **WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Non-illuminated cruise control buttons and limited at-hand storage were common complaints. Due to the Crown Vic's size, it wasn't easy for some drivers to park, either.
- **COMMON ISSUES:** Note that a ticking sound from the engine could be caused by a bad exhaust manifold gasket and/or stud. Some models were known for a coolant leak from the intake manifold, but a Ford mechanic should be able to quickly diagnose and address this problem. Other than a few other accessory belt-related issues, the Crown Victoria's powertrain largely seems a solid and proven performer.

VERDICT

The Crown Victoria has a history of use in police pursuit, performing "PIT" manoeuvres, hopping curbs and running hard for endless hours.

Ultimately, a properly-maintained model should prove tough, dependable and largely trouble-free for owners.

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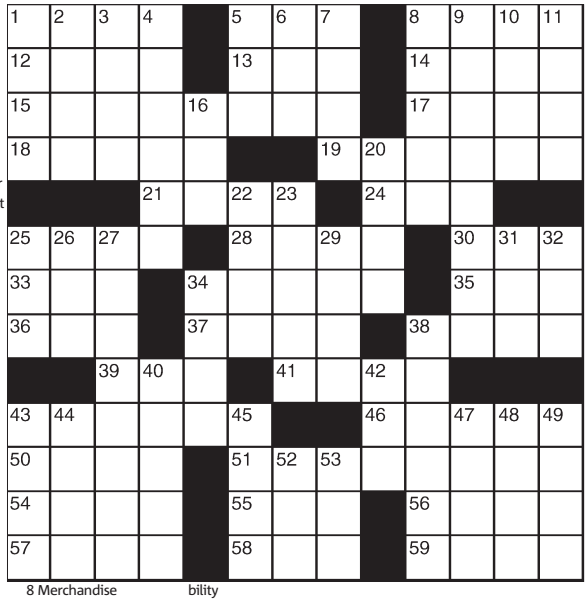

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1 Writer Kingsley
5 Petrol
8 Spaces
12 Swag
13 Have bills
14 Ear-related
15 One present
17 Maestro Klemperer
18 Barbershop request
19 Humble
21 Tend texts
24 Foolish one
25 Read, in a way
28 Lowers the lights
30 Definite article
33 Mr. Sajak
34 Expense record
35 A billion years
36 Illustrations
37 Addict
38 Probability
39 Inquire
41 Leeway
43 Hidden away
46 Got wind of
50 Wan
51 Lawyer
54 Rind
55 William Tell's home
56 Color quality
57 Uncomplicated
58 "See ya"
59 Picnic invaders

Down
1 "Oh, woe!"
2 Wool eater
3 Tittle
4 Spielberg or Tyler
5 Deity
6 Shock and —
7 Appear
8 Merchandise
9 Swore (to)
10 Peach stones
11 Highlander
16 Homer's neighbor
20 Brewer's oven
22 Mid-month date
23 River through Rome
25 Resort
26 Automobile
27 Ties on
29 Muralist Joan
31 Scuttle
32 Type measures
34 Member of the nobility
38 Conspiracy of silence
40 As an introvert would
42 Discoverer's call
43 Hatteras, for one
44 On the briny
45 Smear
47 In due time
48 Landlord's due
49 Turns blue?
52 Give it a go
53 Dead heat

▶ Yesterday's answer

H	Y	P	E		G	U	S		I	C	E	D
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Sudoku

5	1		8				6	9
3	6		7		9	4		
		7			1			8
4						2	7	
6			2		3			4
	2	3						6
8			9			5		
		9	6		7		3	2
2	7				8		9	1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	7	3	1	9	5	8	2	6
6	5	1	2	4	8	7	9	3
2	8	9	3	7	6	4	5	1
5	3	8	7	6	1	2	4	9
7	1	2	4	3	9	5	6	8
9	6	4	8	5	2	1	3	7
1	9	7	6	2	4	3	8	5
8	2	6	5	1	3	9	7	4
3	4	5	9	8	7	6	1	2

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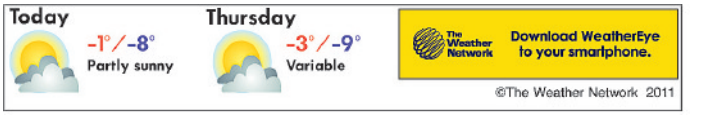

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will get the proverbial offer you cannot refuse, today. But your sixth sense will warn you that it's too good to be true.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Think of what you are about to do as an investment in the future rather than as something you cannot afford. Saturn will bring you an opportunity to move up in the world, but it will cost you something, too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Some people complain that fate is unkind, but you know that what you get out of life depends on what you put in. Saturn's retrograde move today is to be welcomed. It reminds you that the more you give the more you get.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Use your energy wisely today. Don't waste it on trivial things. And don't listen to what other people say. Listen only to your own conscience. Everything else should be excluded.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Take what happens today as a challenge rather than as a setback. Use it to inspire you to do more and do better. Everything in life occurs for a reason, so there is no need to feel hard done by.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you make a mistake of some kind today, you must admit it immediately. Don't try to pretend that it wasn't you because there are critical eyes watching your every move. It's no big deal: Say sorry and move on.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is one of the luckiest times of the year for you, but because planet Saturn turns retrograde today there is a danger you might take your good fortune for granted. Don't.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't sit back and let the changes that are now taking place just happen. You are a Scorpio, and that means you don't give in when the going gets tough. Fight back.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The world is still an amazing and positive place, no matter what the doom mongers might say. Stop worrying about the future and create a better tomorrow for yourself — starting today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You get what you deserve. As Saturn begins one of its retrograde phases, it may be tempting to believe that you have gained more than you should. But, don't be so sure.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 So much is possible for you now, but you are still holding back. Why? As limitations planet Saturn turns retrograde today, the way ahead of you is clear of obstacles. Move!

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Any bad feelings that might remain between you and someone you have to deal with on a daily basis must be cleared up once and for all. You can't go on eyeing each other with suspicion. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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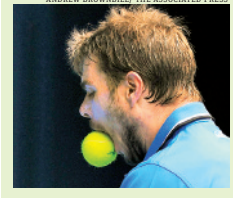

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POWER DOOR LOCKS	STANDARD	NOT AVAILABLE	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY	STANDARD	NOT AVAILABLE	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
PASSENGER VOLUME (L)	2,690	2,574	2,605	2,665
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2 Vehicle specification according to latest information available on the manufacturer's website at time of printing. Base model vehicle comparison is based on 2011 Cruze LS Manual (1PJ69 1SA), 2011 Civic DX Sedan Manual (FA1E2BEX), 2011 Corolla CE Manual (BU42EM) and 2011 Mazda3 GX Manual (D4XS51).

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See dealer for details. *Offer applies to the purchase of 2011 Chevrolet (Cruze LS R7A/Malibu LS R7C/Equinox LS FWD R7A/Traverse LS FWD R7A). ‡2.9%/2.9%/1.9% purchase financing offered by GMCL for 48 months on 2011 Chevrolet (Cruze LS R7A/Equinox LS FWD R7A/Traverse LS FWD R7A). OAC by Ally Credit. Rates from other lenders will vary. Example: $10,000 at 2.9%/2.9%/1.9% APR, monthly payment is $220.90/$220.90/$216.52 for 48 months. Cost of borrowing is $603.20/$603.20/$392.96, total obligation is $10,603.20/$10,603.20/$10,392.96. Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. ¥Variable rate financing for 84 months on 2011 Chevrolet (Cruze LS R7A/Equinox LS FWD R7A/Traverse LS FWD R7A) on approved credit. Bi-weekly payment and variable rate shown based on current TD Bank prime rate and is subject to fluctuation; actual payment amounts will vary with rate fluctuations. Example: $10,000 at 3% for 84 months, the monthly payment is $132.13. Cost of borrowing is $1,098.92, total obligation is $11,098.92. Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly payments and cost of borrowing will also vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Taxes are not included for bi-weekly payment. Bi-weekly payments based on a purchase price of $16,485/$25,995/$32,995with $0 down payment. ♦/*/‡/¥Freight & PDI ($1,450/$1,450/$1,450/$1,450), registration, air and tire levies and OMVIC fees are included. Insurance, licence, PPSA, dealer fees and applicable taxes are not included. Offers apply as indicated to 2011 new or demonstrator models of the vehicle equipped as described. Offers apply to qualified retail customers in the Ontario Chevrolet Dealer Marketing Association area only (including Outaouais). Dealers are free to set individual prices. Dealer order or trade may be required. Limited time offers which may not be combined with other offers. 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For more information go to www.iihs.org. ♣Retail customers who take delivery or place a sold order for a Cruze by January 31, 2011 may choose to receive upon vehicle delivery:(i) 1 no-charge set of 4 winter tires matched to tire size on customer's Cruze (16" receive General Altimax Arctic tire size 215/60R16, 17" receive Continental ContiWinterContact tire size P225/50R17, 18" receive Bridgestone Blizzak WS-70 tire size 225/45R18) Note: installation/balancing/valve stem/reprogramming charges and steel rims extra (CruzeCovered package); or (ii) a 16GB Wi-Fi Apple® iPad™ - Cruze English Mobile App available Q1 2011, French version available Q2 2011 (CruzeConnect package). Offers may not be redeemed for cash and cannot be combined with certain other consumer incentives available on GM vehicles. GM may modify or terminate offers in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. ††2011 Cruze LTZ with PDA, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $27,524. 2011 Chevrolet Malibu LT Platinum Edition, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $29,489. 2011 Chevrolet Equniox LTZ, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $35,244. Dealers are free to set individual prices. †Subject to Vehicle Redemption Allowances. For complete GM Card Program Rules, including current Redemption Allowances, transferability of Earnings, and other applicable restrictions for all eligible GM vehicles, see your GM Dealer, call the GM Card Redemption Centre at 1-888-446-6232 or visit TheGMCard.ca. Subject to applicable law, GMCL may modify or terminate the Program in whole or in part with or without notice to you. ▼Offered by GMCL until 01/31/11on eligible purchase financing of a 2010/2011 Buick/Cadillac/Chevrolet/GMC vehicle. OAC by TD Financing Services (fixed rate special only) or Ally Credit. Interest applies for entire financing term and accrues on unpaid amounts during deferral period. Financing term includes 2 month extension when financing through TDFS. Offer not available to Quebec residents and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. GMCL, Ally Credit or TD Financing Services may modify, extend or terminate this offer in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. +To qualify for the GMCL Cash For Leases Bonus under Lease Busters' Cash For Leases program, you must: (i) be a Canadian vehicle leasing customer with at least four months remaining on your lease; and (ii) execute and complete a lease transfer by listing your vehicle pursuant to a lease-take-over listing on leasebusters.com. Lease listing and transfer fees apply. Cash For Leases Bonus, a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive), is available to eligible retail customers, for use towards the purchase/finance/lease of a new eligible 2010/2011 MY Buick/Chevrolet/GMC/Cadillac vehicle delivered between 01/13/2011–06/30/2011. Incentive may not be combined with certain other offers. Some conditions apply. GMCL may modify, extend or terminate offer in whole or in part at any time without notice. GMCL is not responsible or liable for the Lease Busters lease-take-over program. See dealer or gm.ca or cashforleases.com for details. ♠Customers eligible for a GM Owner Loyalty Bonus will receive either a $1,500 or $1,000 manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive). Example: $10,000 purchase price, after tax price is $11,300 ($10,000 plus $1,300 applicable taxes). After applying $1,500/$1,000 credit, after tax price is $9,800/$10,300 ($1,327.50/$885 reduced purchase price plus $172.50/$115 applicable taxes), with the $1,500/$1,000 credit being the $1,327.50/$885 reduction from the purchase price and the $172.50/$115 reduction in taxes which would have otherwise been payable on the full purchase price. $1,500 credit available to current owners or GMAC Lessees of a Pontiac/Saturn/Saab/ HUMMER/Oldsmobile/Geo/Isuzu/Asuna/Passport vehicle. The $1,000 credit is available only to current GMAC Lessees or owners of a Chevrolet Astro, Uplander , Venture or Lumina APV, Buick Terraza or GMC Safari registered and insured (in Canada) in their name for the previous consecutive six months. Credit may be applied towards the purchase/finance/lease of an eligible new 2009/2010/2011 Model Year Chevrolet, Buick, GMC or Cadillac vehicle, delivered between July 17, 2010 - January 31, 2011. Ineligible vehicles: Chevrolet Aveo, Cobalt, Cruze, Corvette ZR1, all Pontiac, Saturn, Saab, and HUMMER vehicles, and medium duty trucks. Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact GM to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives, including the First to Cruze program. See your GM dealer for details. GM reserves the right to amend or terminate offers for any reason in whole or in part at any time without prior notice. ▼▼To qualify for GMCL's Cash For Clunkers incentive, you must: (1) receive Government confirmation of vehicle eligibility under the Retire Your Ride ("RYR") Program, supported by The Government of Canada, and turn in a 1995 or older MY vehicle that is in running condition and has been registered and properly insured in your name for the last 6 months (12 months in B.C.); (2) turn in a 1995 or older MY vehicle that is in running condition and has been registered and properly insured under (i) a small business name for the last 6 months or (ii) your name for the last 6 months in B.C.; or (3) turn in a 1996 through 2003 MY vehicle that is in running condition and has been registered and properly insured in your name for the last 6 months. GMCL will provide eligible consumers with a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) to be used towards the purchase/finance/lease of a new eligible 2010 or 2011 MY Buick/Chevrolet/GMC/Cadillac vehicle delivered between January 4 and March 31, 2011. Ineligible vehicles: Chevrolet Aveo, 2010 MY Chevrolet Cobalt, 2011 MY Buick Regal, Chevrolet Cruze and Medium Duty trucks. Incentive ranges from $750 to $2,000, depending on model purchased. Incentive may not be combined with certain other offers. By participating in the Cash For Clunkers program you will not be eligible for any trade-in value for your vehicle. See your participating GM dealer for additional program conditions and details. GMCL may modify, extend or terminate program in whole or in part at any time without notice. If you successfully complete the RYR Program, you will be eligible for a $300 cash incentive from the Canadian Government. Residents of Northwest Territories, Yukon or Nunavut are excluded from the RYR Program and are therefore ineligible for GMCL's Cash For Clunkers incentive. Some conditions apply. Visit www.retireyourride.ca (www.scrapit.ca for residents of B.C.) for more information.

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